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FORGOTTEN TO THE FLOODS?

SNOWMEN, ice queens, giant elves and Santa all deserted the North Pole to help drum up Christmas spirit in Basingstoke on Sunday.

A parade of festive friends toured Festival Place shopping centre spreading Christmas cheer.

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BASINGSTOKE has been forgotten from a list of towns and cities getting £2.3billion to fight flooding, residents called yesterday.

Victims of the Buckskin floods said they felt snubbed from a list of about 30 towns and cities allocated millions for flood defence projects by the Government Treasury.

Buckskin resident Maggie Hardy, of Bodmin Close, said: "Of all this money the Government is putting forward, I want to know what we will be getting in Buckskin.

"This is what is getting residents down – we seem to have been overlooked.

"I know if this flooding had happened in Kempshott, Black Dam or Oakley they would have had all and everybody out there trying to sort it out."

By **Katriona Ormiston**
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About 40 families are still not back in their homes after flooding hit Buckskin for six weeks over February and March.

Three inches of water flooded Cathie Wyatt's home in Bodmin Close throughout the six weeks.

The new chairman of a newly-launched Buckskin Flood Action Group said: "We feel forgotten – but we are not going to sit back and let the floods happen again without a fight.

"It needs a complete drainage system built in underneath, but that will cost millions. But what is millions when there is £2.3bn out there?"

However Basingstoke MP Maria Miller said it was not missed off the list – but the problem in Basingstoke was of a different nature.

In Buckskin more than 80 homes were evacuated and 45 homes flooded inside when rainwater caused an underground watercourse to rise.

Basingstoke MP Maria Miller said: "It is a completely different problem.

"People of Buckskin need to know everything is being done to ensure this groundwater flooding doesn't happen again.

"But it is different to the announcements yesterday which were to do with river flooding."

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Transport Minister agrees to Black Dam traffic review

• Maria Miller with members of the Highways Agency earlier this year

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• widening of east and westbound carriageway
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• widening southbound carriageway from roundabout
A30 London Road:
• widening to four lanes (two onto roundabout and two onto A339 northbound)
• refuge island for cyclists and pedestrians (opposite Redbridge Lane)

• Map of changes to be made at Black Dam roundabout

AN URGENT review of roadworks at Black Dam roundabout is to be launched, Basingstoke MP Maria Miller announced on Monday.

Drivers have faced traffic gridlock and taken to diverting through nearby residential roads amid a £11.2million Highways Agency revamp of the junction by the M3.

Mrs Miller revealed she met with Transport Minister Robert Goodwill last week, who agreed to undertake an urgent review of the roadworks with the Highways Agency.

She said: "Residents want to see improvements at the Black Dam roundabout after accidents caused by tailbacks into the M3 in recent years.

"I have asked the Highways Agency to look at the phasing of the traffic lights and whether additional traffic lanes can be opened up at peak times to ease traffic flow."

Roadworks started on October 13 and are to run until summer 2015.

Four new lanes are to be built through the centre of the roundabout northbound to free up the flow of traffic.

Roads on the east and west side of the junction will also be widened to create four and five lanes respectively.

While the spur road southbound from Black Dam roundabout to the M3 junction 6 is also to be widened – to three lanes.

The revamp aims to remedy the major traffic pinch point.

A Highways Agency spokesman previously told the Observer: "There may be some problems in the short term while the work is being done but it will make a big improvement in the long term."

The news comes as improvements for the M3 were announced yesterday.

As part of the government's £15.2billion Roads Investment Strategy, smart motorway technology will be installed on the carriageway towards London.

The M3 around Basingstoke will also be resurfaced.

Mrs Miller added: "I have been campaigning for resurfacing at Basingstoke for a long time."

Death after car hits tree

A WOMAN in her 20s died after the car she was driving crashed into a tree in Hartley Wintney on Sunday.

The woman was taken to hospital in a life-threatening condition after the accident in Bracknell Lane at about 6am, but she died a short time later.

Her next-of-kin has been informed but police have said they will not be able to name the woman until she has been formally identified.

The road was closed for several hours while police carried out an investigation.

Officers are appealing for witnesses to contact the serious collision investigation unit at Eastleigh by calling 101 and quoting Operation Pineham.

Christmas appeal

BASINGSTOKE: A Basingstoke cat charity launched a festive appeal to find Blackie the cat a home this Christmas.

Cats Protection's Basingstoke branch is caring for more than 20 cats and kittens who need homes, including Blackie (below) who came to the charity when her owners emigrated.

The charity is also hosting a Christmas fair at The Viables Community Centre in Harrow Way on Saturday.

Gift and food stalls will be running from 1.30pm to 3.30pm to help raise money for the charity.

Entry is 50p or a donation of a tin of cat food.

Christmas carols

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Residents can start the festive season on a high note at a carol service next Saturday, December 13.

Christmas carols with the Mayor of Basingstoke, Roger Gardiner, will be held at St Michael's Church in Church Square at 7pm.

Cllr Gardiner said: "I hope that as many people as possible will take time out of their busy schedules to join me to celebrate the festive season whilst raising money for good causes that will benefit local people."

The Basingstoke Festival of Choirs will lead the congregation with the carols alongside readings by mayoress Tricia Gardiner and Basingstoke MP Maria Miller, and a blessing by Bishop of Basingstoke David Williams.

Hospital choir

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Basingstoke hospital's male voice and ladies choir is teaming up for a special Christmas show on December 17.

The free concert at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital in Aldermaston Road starts at 7.45pm. Advice is to arrive early for a seat.

Buckskin flooding is a different problem

• *From front page*

She added: "Hampshire County Council has already put in place plans to change the way groundwater flooding is dealt with.

"At this point in time there is no clear solution to prevent this kind of groundwater flooding but the council is looking into a research led approach."

The Government announcement was revealed on the eve of the Chancellor's Autumn statement today.

Among the projects is £42m for a flood relief river in Oxford and £15.5m for Somerset.

And Ms Wyatt said building a new drainage system underneath the town could be a solution.

She added: "I guess one of the reasons we didn't get funding is this is the first time it has ever happened here, whereas other places have had problems for years."

Plans by Buckskin Flood Action Group are also underway to organise a flood warden network for roads in case the area floods again in the next few months."

Tony Jones, Basingstoke and Deane councillor for Buckskin, said: "That money could be well spent here to stop flooding, all these things come down to money."

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• Scenes from the parade at Festival Place on Sunday

Parade of festive frolics for children at shopping centre

'TWAS the month before Christmas and all through Festival Place not one child was left with an unentertained look on their face.

By **Katriona Ormiston**
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A parade of Christmas creatures amazed youngsters on Sunday during a takeover of the shopping centre.

Human snowballs, giant elves, stilt-walking ice queens and penguins were among the weird and wonderful beasts processing from Porchester Square to Festival Square at Midday.

Crowds postponed their Christmas shopping lists to listen to 50 members of Basingstoke and Fleet Rock Choir singing Christmas tunes at 12.30pm.

'Let It Snow' and 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas' were among the playlist alongside pop songs by George Ezra, performed in Festival Square.

Choir leader Glen Harvey said: "It was really festive – you get to this time of year and everything comes together.

"We were delighted to be a part of it, everyone was really merry."

He continued: "The audience was belting out some of the songs with us – we sang some Christmas songs and some more modern ones too."

Festival Place marketing manager Sarah Murphy said: "The annual Santa parade was a hugely enjoyable event with some fantastic entertainment from Santa and his friends, including the Red Hot Santa Band, bouncing elves and snowball sprites.

"We were also pleased to welcome back the Basingstoke Rock Choir who once again delighted all of the crowds with a seasonal sing-along."

New plans could cut housing list by 3,000 people

A SCHEME to make it more difficult to qualify for social housing in the borough was set to be approved by councillors as the Observer went to print last night.

The Observer previously reported on the plans, revealing that when approved over 3,000 people could be wiped off the Basingstoke and Deane housing waiting list.

The cabinet was set to approve new rules which would mean people who do not have a "local connection" with the area to be taken off the list.

Councillor Paul Harvey, of Norden, said: "They just don't understand the implications of what they are proposing.

"The reality is they are dealing with it in the wrong way.

"The problem is we don't have the right number of affordable houses. If we cannot house those who are in priority need, it says it all."

To have the local connection with the borough, applicants must have lived continuously in Basingstoke for two years, or have been in permanent employment in the borough.

Exceptions would be made for those on the waiting list who have urgent medical needs.

In a report, the project's portfolio holder, Terri Reid, said: "The new policy is the result of a long period of work by officers and members.

"The policy has been developed over this time through committee, member workshops, discussion with partner organisations and, importantly, through public consultation."

Fighting for Basingstoke Live to remain free

CROWDS at Basingstoke's free music festival would more than halve if it becomes paid-for, the council's events manager warned.

Controversial plans for Basingstoke Live to be privatised were blocked by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council last Wednesday.

It was rejected by seven votes to six despite being passed by the council's cabinet on October 28.

Protestors gathered at the council's offices in London Road against plans to privatise Basingstoke Live, held annually during the summer at War Memorial Park.

General manager of music group Drum Runners, Jason Knight, said: "It was positive that people were making themselves heard together - people were acting to make a difference."

The plans may have met a roadblock at full council, however it will now be referred back to cabinet.

Council events manager, Andrew Grove, said crowds at Basingstoke Live could drop by 60 per cent if it becomes paid-for.

He added: "My belief as events manager is that it [ticketing] would make delivering that event very difficult, and likely to fail."

A Commissioning Outcome Group (COG) made up of councillors and members of the events team was set up and it was concluded from the meetings that outsourcing would be the best option.

However, those who took part in the meetings, including a performer, Paul Midgley, said that outsourcing was never discussed.

"Basingstoke Live belongs to the people," he said. "We have created a brand and we don't want it stolen from the public – we should not lose what we have grown organically."

Basingstoke Live was attended by 33,000 people in July.

Councillor John Izett, who put forward the recommendation, said: "I see a future where we want to release Basingstoke Live to develop without putting too much of a burden on public finances."

He added: "This is not a question of handing it over to someone else and saying we have lost it."

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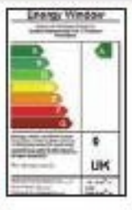

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Affordable housing for Manydown 'important'

TOWN leaders have agreed including 40 per cent affordable housing in plans for the planned Manydown development site is vital.

At a Manydown Overview Committee – which observes the progress of the 3,400 homes project – councillors said social housing should be delivered in an "integrated manner".

Manydown is the 2,000-acre development which is part of the borough council's local plan – a strategy for where houses will be built in the borough up to 2029.

The strategic project manager for Manydown, Richard Bayley, said: "Next year there will be an awful lot of technical work on the planning strategy and detailed master plan and on delivering the financial strategy.

"That will take some time so we are setting milestones on reporting back in April and May next year."

But councillors on the committee decided affordable housing is a must at a meeting on November 27.

Mr Bayley added: "The Manydown overview committee believes social infrastructure includes social housing and this should be delivered in an integrated manner.

"In this context the committee believes achieving 40 per cent affordable housing is important."

Union J hits Basingstoke

• (Left to right) JJ, George, Jaymi and Josh will be in Basingstoke on Tuesday

POP stars Union J are coming to Basingstoke to sign copies of their new album next week.

The boy band will be at Morrisons in Worting Road on Tuesday, December 9, to sign copies of 'You Got It All' – which is being launched the day before.

Josh Cuthbert, George Shelley, JJ Hamblett and Jaymi Hensley will be meeting and greeting their Basingstoke fans from 7pm to 9pm.

By **Katriona Ormiston**
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Union J went from talented hopefuls to overnight sensations on the 2012 series of TV talent show the X Factor.

JJ said: "This time around we've had much more involvement in the album.

"We've spent hours and hours in writing sessions. It's exciting to be able to contribute so much, we feel really involved."

The band returned to the X Factor stage as star guests on Sunday to perform new single 'You Got It All' – which shares its name with their new album.

Their debut hit single 'Carry You', the follow up smash 'Beautiful Life', their self-titled debut album and their most recent single 'Tonight (We Live Forever)' have all hit the top-10 of the charts.

Jaymi said: "We are sticking to our pop roots and heavy vocals.

"But music is changing and we are adapting to it. We sound more live and more like a band."

George added: "Our songs on this record feel organic and real. They're the sort of songs that you can still sing even when they're completely stripped back."

News Bites

Doctors warning

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Doctors are warning people to think about stocking up on medication over Christmas.

GPs from NHS North Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group – which buys in health services - appealed on Monday for people to pre-plan for repeat prescriptions in case they cannot pick them up.

In it to win it?

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from November 28.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 62090 of Cranbourne, while ticket 61050 of Kempshott claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Oakley ticket 07100, and Holybourne ticket 55713 gets fourth prize of £20.

Sixteen prizes of £5 go to tickets 05059, 09356, 13574, 19193, 19929, 36387, 43409, 45254, 50961, 58159, 58179, 62504, 66762, 71084, 78884 and 89376.

York Nativity

ALDERMASTON: Medieval costume and music will mark the 58th year of The York Nativity Play in Aldermaston tomorrow, December 4.

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Robbers target post office again

ROBBERS threatened staff for cash at a post office in Tadley last week for the second time in less than a month.

Police were called to the post office in Mulfords Hill to a report of an attempted robbery just after 1.30pm on November 26.

A man entered the shop, threatened the staff and demanded money.

Nothing was taken and no one was hurt.

The threat follows another attempted robbery on October 31 when a man wearing a balaclava, hoody and dark clothing entered the shop and threatened a woman who worked there.

Again, nobody was hurt and nothing was taken.

A black saloon car was found ablaze in Wildwood Drive afterwards, which police believed was related to the incident.

After last week's incident police carried out a search of the area but were unable to trace the suspect.

Hampshire Constabulary is investigating the incident.

Anyone with any information is asked to call 101.

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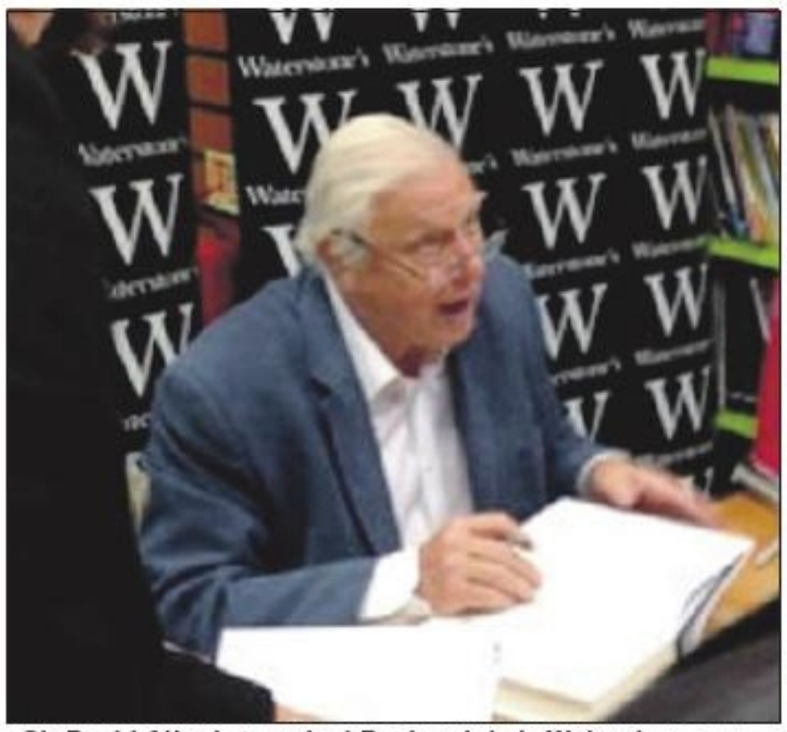
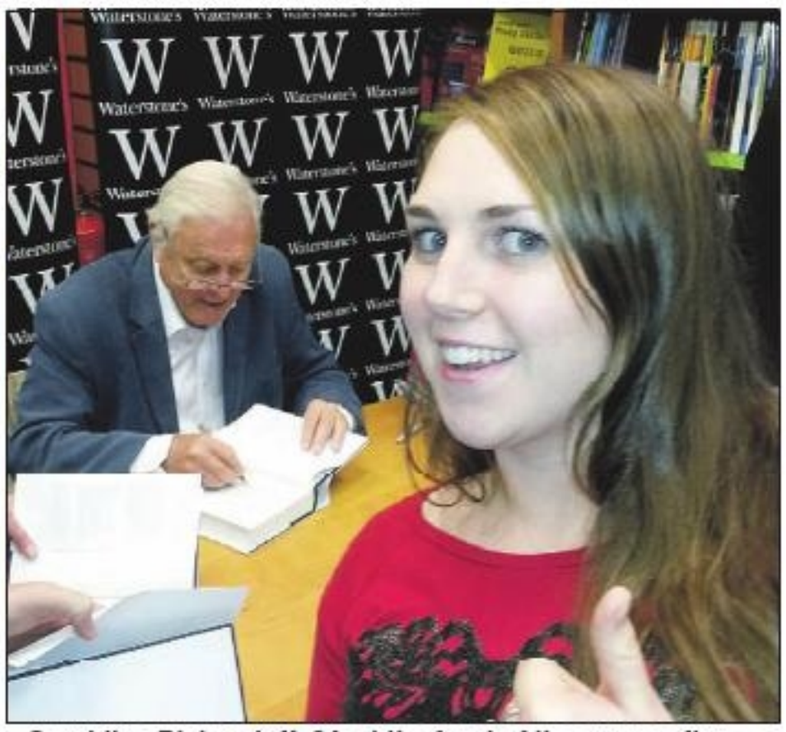
Sir David Attenborough fans are left star struck



· Sir David Attenborough at Basingstoke's Waterstones on Thursday (photo by James Robinson)



· Geraldine Bickerstaff, 24, at the front of the queue after four and a half hours of waiting

SIR David Attenborough fans queued for more than six hours to meet their hero at Basingstoke's Waterstones.

By **Katriona Ormiston**
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A total of 440 people met the famed wildlife TV presenter to have copies of his new book signed at the Festival Place store on Thursday.

People flocked to the shop from as far away as Holland and Liverpool to greet the natural history filmmaker.

At number 389 and 390 in the queue were David Attenborough fans James Robinson, 27, and girlfriend Geraldine Bickerstaff, 24, who travelled from Princes Risborough.

The couple queued for four and a half hours.

James said: "My girlfriend loved him and desperately wanted to meet him.

"He is an absolute legend. But when we got to the front she didn't manage to say anything to him – she was so star struck.

"I said 'thank you very much, you're a legend', and he said 'thanks'.

"It's his voice and knowledge of wildlife that makes him stand out I think."

People started queuing from about 6.30am for the book signing at 12.30pm.

Sir David stayed on longer than his 12.30pm to 3pm slot to finish extra signings for people who had been queuing for hours.

The 88-year-old's new volume of memoirs Life On Air was published in October and tells stories of the people and animals he has met as well as the places he has visited during his career spanning nearly six decades.

Manager of Basingstoke's Waterstones Helen Roberts said: "It was a brilliant event, probably the best we have had in a long time.

"It was a lovely day and a really good atmosphere. Everyone was really happy to meet their hero.

"He is one of a kind wherever he goes, he's in a league of his own.

"We had people drive down from Liverpool and come over from Holland."

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Car crash death

ODIHAM: A pensioner died after being hit by two cars while crossing a road in Odiham on Thursday.

The 69-year-old was crossing the B3349 at Dunley's Hill, when a Toyota Yaris hit him.

He was then hit by a Nissan Navara travelling in the other direction.

He suffered serious head injuries and died shortly after arriving at Basingstoke Hospital.

A 52-year-old woman from Bramley, who was driving the Yaris, and the Nissan driver, a 47-year-old man from Fleet, both gave accounts to police.

Anyone with any information is asked to call 101 and quote Operation Peppo.

Ice skating rink

BASINGSTOKE: A charity festive fete with a small ice-skating rink will take place next Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14.

It will raise money for Heartburn Cancer UK, Relate and Naomi House hospice at Absolutely Offices in Chineham Court.

Tickets are £4 for children and £5 for adults.

Call 01256 316513 to book.

School plans

BASINGSTOKE: A planning application was submitted to the borough council to build a multi-use games area at Kempshott Junior School in Old Down Close on November 25.

A target decision date of December 16 has been set to approve or reject plans.

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Samurai sword

HAMPSHIRE: A Samurai sword and Second World War bomb were handed in to police stations in Hampshire during a weapons amnesty last month.

The Hampshire Constabulary campaign ran from November 10 to November 21 for residents to hand in guns that were not properly licensed or held illegally.

A total of 126 guns including 13 rifles, 42 shotguns, 17 pistols and two machine guns were handed over.

Hundreds of rounds of ammunition, a WW2 bomb and a Samurai sword were also given in.

Hampshire Constabulary Chief Constable Andy Marsh said: "I'm surprising that we have recovered quite so many in such a short period of time and that certainly underlines the value of this."

· Hampshire Chief Constable Andy Marsh with the confiscated guns

Alton council

ALTON: The next Alton Town Council meeting will take place today.

The full council will gather to discuss issues in the town at 7pm in Market Square.

Deal for facilities with 200 Bramley homes

PLANS for a development of 200 homes in Bramley are due to be decided tonight.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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A development control committee of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is due to meet to approve or reject an outline planning application for homes in Michens Lane.

The site covers 11.1 hectares north of the Clift Meadow playing fields, between the railway line to the east and Minchens Lane to the west.

A report by council officers recommended councillors approve the plans despite opposition from parish council leaders in Bramley.

Bramley Parish Council said the village does not have the right infrastructure to cope with more housing, but councillors have struck a deal with the developer, Charles Church Southern.

Tony Durrant, chair of Bramley Parish Council, said: "We are not in favour of the development but given that we have got to have it, we want to do the best for the community.

"Given that we have got to have housing in Bramley at some point we feel that we would want to get the best deal for the community and get the infrastructure needed."

Developers have agreed to include an extension of Bramley's doctor's surgery, Clift Surgery, in Minchens Lane, a combined footpath-cycleway, two new bridges and an extension of a car park, in the project.

The outline application was submitted in April.

The report by council officers said the "development will be more in keeping with the current character of the village".

The extension of the village's surgery includes building a single storey building, new access for cars and more parking spaces.

The two footbridges and footpath will link the development with the village centre.

New allotments with car parking are also to be included.

The development control meeting is due to take place in the borough council's civic offices in London Road from 6.30pm.

Hawk-Eye pioneer scoops award

A BASINGSTOKE businessman who helped invent the groundbreaking Hawk-Eye goalline technology used for pro sport matches has been awarded with an honorary degree.

Paul Hawkins, founder of Hawk-Eye Innovations Ltd, received an honorary degree from Southampton Solent University last month.

This year was the first time his technology was used in a football world cup.

Dr Hawkins' £30million business is based in Jays Close, Basingstoke, and now employs more than 100 staff.

Its technology is used in sporting events around the world including London tennis championships Wimbledon.

· Dr Hawkins clutching his honorary degree

The complex computer system visually tracks the flight of a ball using cameras.

On receiving the award the Hampshire-born businessman said: "Today is the day when the new chapter of many of your lives will start.

"My advice to you is to follow your dreams. I encourage you to find that thing you love and then pursue it wholeheartedly."

He added: "Now we will continue to innovate and grow in a number of areas and see what can be improved."

Dr Hawkins received the award of Honorary Doctor of Technology at a graduation ceremony on November 18.

Hawk-Eye Innovations has grown from being a start-up and was used at the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games and is a vital decision maker in snooker, golf, tennis, cricket and football.

In 2012, Hawk-Eye gained official authorisation from FIFA to install their goal-line technology systems worldwide.

Dr Hawkins was appointed to the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's birthday honours list this year in recognition of his work in sport.

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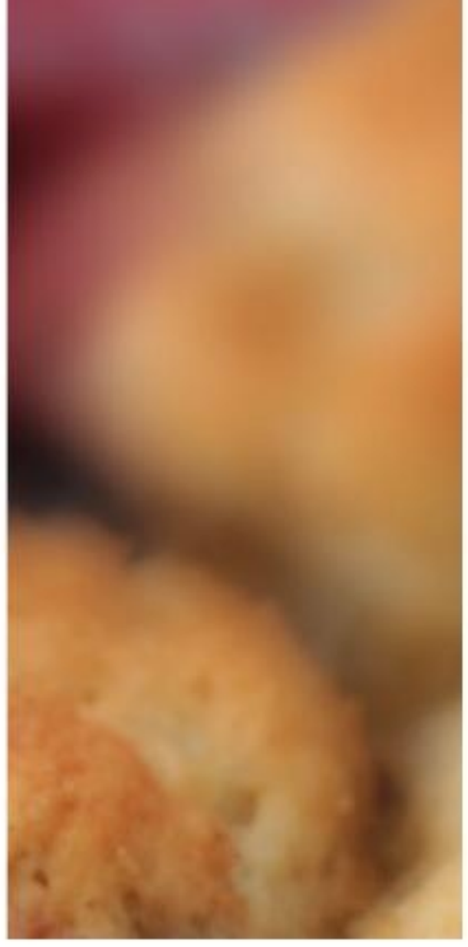

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Saving wildlife

HAMPSHIRE: Hampshire police are in the top 12 forces in the country for protecting wildlife against cruelty, a report has revealed.

World Animal Protection charity surveyed 43 police forces in England and Wales and placed Hampshire in the top-12.

Catherine Bearder, a Hampshire Euro-MP, said: "I am delighted Hampshire Police has come so high up the list of forces tackling this issue.

"Wildlife crime is fast being used by organised criminal gangs as an easy option as the level of policing is low and Hampshire Police have recognised this."

Toucan crossing delays cause A33 frustration

• The roadworks have overrun by Binfields Roundabout in Chineham

DELAYED roadworks to try and make a dangerous Chineham junction safer are causing uproar among residents and councillors.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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Hampshire County Council work to install a new £220,000 toucan crossing on the A33 north of the Binfields Roundabout started on August 4 and was due to be finished by mid-November.

However work is still far from finished.

Councillors and residents have reported seeing workers come and go at irregular intervals and complained equipment is left on the side of the road.

Chineham independent councillor Martin Biermann said: "The issue is that it was supposed to be completed after 14 weeks and now they have exceeded 14 weeks.

"People are getting cross. The workers come for sometime then disappear and people are unhappy about everything being littered around there."

He added: "If this is an example of likely performance when the intended works are carried out on the Red Army Roundabout, Binfields Roundabout, Taylor's Farm Roundabout and Thornhill Way traffic lights, heaven protect us.

"It is outrageous to keep removing the construction workers and leaving the junk on our verges."

Cllr Biermann added he sent a letter to Hampshire County Council but is yet to receive a response.

He also said he was told by Hampshire roads and road maintenance team that workers had been taken away to do something "more important."

The project aims to improve pedestrian safety by widening paths up to the crossing.

Residents have vented their frustrations on social media.

Facebook user Ian James posted: "Didn't want the silly crossing in the first place!

"Another example of our glorious council wasting public money."

And another user, Julie Taylor, asked whether a yellow-hatched box would be introduced on the roundabout to prevent needless blockage when northbound traffic backs up.

Hampshire County Council was unavailable to comment.

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Christmas cheer

BASINGSTOKE: Christmas celebrations in Top of Town kick off on Friday.

An eco-Santa's grotto, singing, dancing and a real reindeer will all make an appearance from 5pm to 8pm alongside late night shopping.

The evening of festivities are hosted by Mayor of Basingstoke Roger Gardiner.

Drama school

BRAMLEY: A children's drama school will be launching in Bramley from next year.

Perform – a drama school based in London's Primrose Hill – have chosen Bramley as their first area outside of London to run drama classes from.

From January 22, classes will run on Thursdays at Clift Meadow Pavilion in Michens Lane from 4pm to 5.30pm.

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MP's Column

Maria Miller MP
Conservative Member of Parliament for Basingstoke

Bright days ahead for Basingstoke

A DECADE ago decisions were made to build thousands more houses for people to live here in North Hampshire.

But then council leaders were too interested in how high the house building figures should be rather than whether the facilities could cope.

Their vision for Basingstoke was simply more shops, just before the recession struck and spending slumped.

Now a bigger and more exciting ambition has been set out for the town.

Our long-term economic plan depends on towns like Basingstoke being successful.

We are one of the top 10 employment centres in the South East, our businesses have created more than 90,000 jobs, and almost 1,000 new businesses have been set up in our borough in the last year.

To continue we need help, and now we are getting it.

In the last year alone more than £20million has come in from government to reduce congestion on our roads; the first completely new school in Basingstoke in more than a decade is under construction in Rooksdown; innovative plans for a new Critical Care Unit have been announced; and a specialist new eldercare unit has been opened in Oakridge for people with dementia.

That is just the start.

That's why earlier this month I held a Basingstoke Transport Summit and last week I held debate in the House of Commons on the future of our train service.

There needs to be a 60 per cent increase in capacity on the mainline into Waterloo, that's the equivalent of 13 more trains an hour by 2043. This will need new tracks, new signalling and double-decker trains.

I am campaigning hard to make the government see Basingstoke as the priority it is.

We need to keep Basingstoke a great place to live with more jobs, better facilities and improved roads - we have to do all we can to leave it a better place for our children.

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All new houses to get superfast broadband

HIGH speed broadband is to be fitted in all newly built homes across Basingstoke after Hampshire County Council unanimously approved a motion last week.

The motion was raised during full council at The Castle in Winchester last Thursday, November 27.

By **Mathew Di Salvo**
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North West Basingstoke councillor Stephen Reid seconded the motion.

He said: "The county council is spending millions of pounds to get a retro-fit of super-fast broadband into existing properties.

"At the same time, developers are building thousands of brand new homes which do not have the capability.

"As we take two steps forward, so the new homes take us one step back. That's unacceptable."

The motion stated: "The council notes with concern that brand new properties, even on large scale developments, are being built and sold without a ready superfast broadband capability.

"This council therefore resolves to work with its district and borough councils, developers, BT and other potential suppliers of broadband capability to make it a requirement for new homes, especially on large scale developments, to be able to access broadband from the day they are first sold."

New developments are to have Internet fitted before they are sold.

In September the Observer reported people from the new Everest Park housing development in Basingstoke were campaigning for superfast broadband to be installed in their homes - which they say they were promised by the developer before they moved in.

The new rules would make the measure compulsory.

Cllr Reid added: "I believe it must be cheaper in the long run to fit the super fast broadband capability from day one, rather than having to go back and install it later.

"I therefore want Hampshire County Council, in conjunction with the boroughs and districts, to work to ensure that super-fast broadband is made a stipulation when planning permissions are granted.

"If necessary, we should ask for change in the law to enable us to do this.

"Better, though, would be a voluntary agreement."

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New restaurant

ODIHAM: A new restaurant in Odiham is giving away "golden ticket" prizes throughout December to celebrate its launch.

The Bel and The Dragon opened last month at The George, 100 High Street.

Head chef Ronnie Kimbugwe trained with Gordon Ramsay for seven years.

In December the restaurant is giving away tickets of prizes including bottles of Burgundy wine and two-course meals.

Council meets

WHITCHURCH: The next scheduled meeting of Whitchurch Town Council will take place on Monday, December 8.

The full council is due to meet at their offices in Whitchurch Town Hall, Newbury Street, from 7.30pm.

News Bites

Town hub launch

BASINGSTOKE: A launch event will be held for a new business hub based in Basing View tomorrow.

The Observer previously reported a world-class hub for emerging businesses is to be set up by SETsquared – a collaboration between universities Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Southampton and Surrey.

The hub was approved on October 28 by the borough council's cabinet.

The launch event will have speakers explaining how the business hub aims to help start-ups to benefit Basingstoke.

The event will take place at the Innovation Centre in Basing View from 5.30pm.

Independent art shop celebrates birthday

• Over 100 people visited the store to celebrate its sixth birthday

MORE than 100 people flocked to a quirky gem of an art shop in Tadley to celebrate its sixth birthday last month.

Doodles, in Franklin Avenue, sells local artist's work and had a celebration evening on Friday, November 21.

Artist Katy Steven, 40, of Tadley, set up the shop with her sister six years ago.

"I now run the shop by myself but get support from my daughter and other artists who are so supportive," she said.

"A lot of them are more than just sellers now, they are part of the family."

To celebrate being open for six years, the shop hosted an evening of celebrations.

Art demonstrations were held to show people how some of the work was made.

More than 50 local artists from surrounding towns and villages such as Whitchurch, Basingstoke, Alton and Tadley showcase their work at the shop.

Katy said: "It was such a great evening, people love to come into the shop.

"We do have to work very hard to get people to know we are here but once people find us, they always come back.

"There are so many different things here, there is something for everyone."

• Basingstoke College of Technology art students Christy Hughes and Fynla Stallybrass

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ANVIL ARTS

THE Anvil's pantomime this Christmas is Cinderella, starring Keith Chegwin as Buttons and Katy Ashworth from CBeebies as the Fairy Godmother.

Panto producer Martin Dodd, UK Productions, said "Cinderella is the most magical of pantomimes and everybody's favourite. I am delighted with the line-up this year and I know that Cheggers and Katy will bring loads of fun and comedy to the show, not to mention boundless energy! We can promise something for everyone with the wickedest (but best dressed) Ugly Sisters in the business and the sensational Shetland Ponies live on stage."

Keith, who became a household name in the 1970s presenting the television shows Cheggers Plays Pop and Multi-Coloured Swap Shop, and has rarely been off our screens since, was last at The Anvil in 2001 when he appeared in Mother Goose.

Katy is best known presenting on the BAFTA Award-winning TV channel CBeebies on which she also presents one of the flagship series I Can Cook.

Closing date:
Wednesday, December 10, 2014

Katy is an accomplished actress, entertainer and singer.

She has taken the lead in several pantomimes, performed in front of 8000 people at Wembley on the CBeebies live tours, presented live I Can Cook shows in Butlins resorts, has performed her live one woman interactive show for children at hundreds of theatres, festivals and other events in the UK and internationally, and is currently singing with a 12-piece soul band for kids!

Taking the title role of Cinderella is Sarah Louise Day, who is also choreographer, whilst Prince Charming is played by Ben Harlow.

Cinderella, at The Anvil, will run from Thursday 11 December 2014 to Sunday 4 January 2015.

For tickets, call The Anvil box office on 01256 844244.

We have two family tickets for the 6pm performance of Cinderella next Friday, December 12.

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Q: What show was Keith Chegwin performing in the last time he was at the Anvil?

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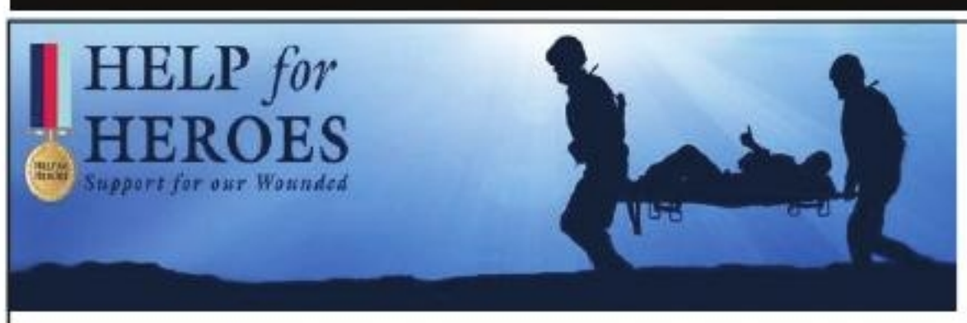

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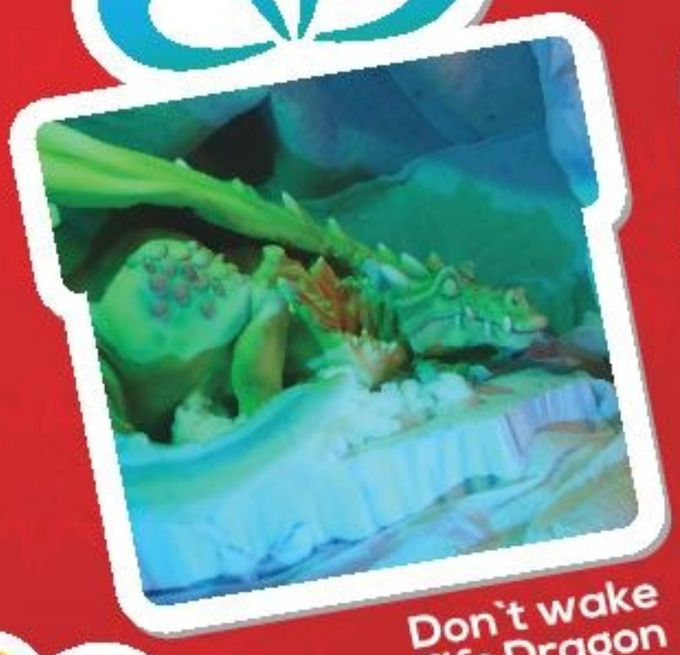

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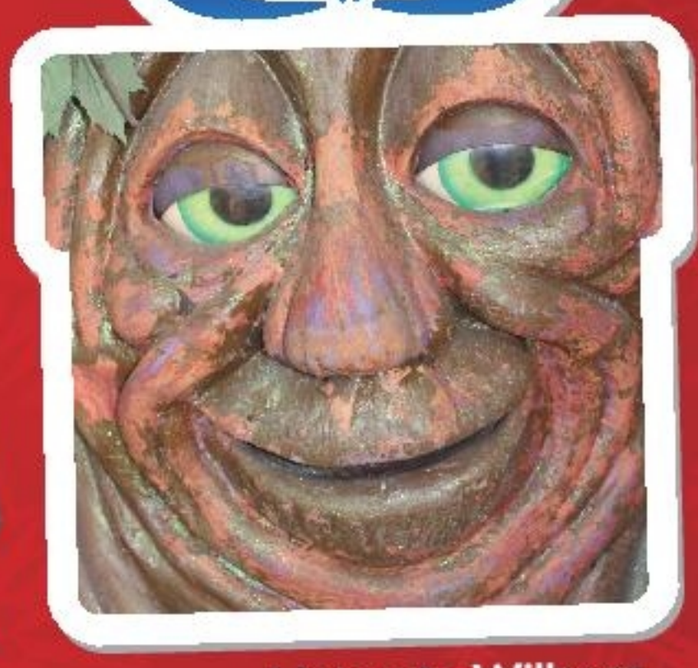

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Friday December 5th

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (T) **9.15 Fake Britain** (T) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (T)(R) **11.00 Claimed and Shamed** (T) **11.30 Channel Patrol** (T) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (T) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (T) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (T) **1.45 Doctors** (T) **2.15 The Doctor Blake Mysteries** Family members are found slain at their breakfast table. Last in the series. (T) **3.10 Escape to the Country** (T)(R) **3.55 Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food** (T)(R) **4.25 Flog It!** (T)(R) **5.15 Pointless** (T)(R) **6.00 BBC News;** Weather (T) **6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes;** Weather (T)

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7.00 The One Show Hosted by Chris Evans and Alex Jones. (T)
7.30 The Two Ronnies Sketchbook The comedy duo's favourite moments from their TV shows; (T) BBC News; Regional News (T)

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8.00 EastEnders Sonia struggles to cope with the guilt of her actions. (T)
8.30 Citizen Khan Shazia and Amjad have their hen and stag parties. (T)

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9.00 Have I Got News for You Hosted by Jack Dee, with Joan Bakewell and Mark Watson. (T)
9.30 Not Going Out Lucy plans an anniversary party for her parents. (T)

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10.00 BBC News (T)
10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather (T)
10.35 The Graham Norton Show With Michael Keaton, Ian McKellen, Jamie Oliver, Victoria Wood and One Direction. (T)

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11.20 Cuckoo Ken defends Steve when he is accused of medical malpractice. (T)
11.50 EastEnders Omnibus. (T)(R)

AFTER 12

1.50 Weather for the Week Ahead (T)
1.55 BBC News (T)

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two (T) **6.05 Homes Under the Hammer** (T)(R) **7.05 Channel Patrol** (T)(R) **7.50 Claimed and Shamed** (T)(R) **8.20 Sign Zone: Glorious Gardens from Above** (T)(R) **9.05 Sign Zone: The Great Interior Design Challenge** (T)(R) **10.05 Sign Zone: Children's Hospital: The Chaplains** (T)(R) **10.35 The Travel Show** (T) **11.00 BBC News** (T) **11.30 BBC World News** (T) **12.00 Daily Politics** (T) **1.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship** (T) **6.00 Eggheads** Quiz show, hosted by Dermot Murnaghan. (T)(R) **6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two** (T)

7.00 Mastermind (T)
7.30 MOTD Live: FA Cup Second Round Hartlepool United v Blyth Spartans (kick-off 7.55pm). (T)

10.00 QI With Ross Noble, Kathy Lette and Sue Perkins. (T)
10.30 Newsnight (T)

11.00 Weather (T)
11.05 Never Mind the Buzzcocks (T) (R)
11.35 Snooker: UK Championship (T)

12.25 FILM Comfort and Joy (1984) (PG) Crime comedy, starring Bill Paterson. (T) **2.05** Sign Zone: Question Time (T)(R) **3.05** This Is BBC Two (T)

ITV

6.00 Good Morning Britain With Tulisa Contostavlos. (T) **8.30 Lorraine** (T) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (T) **10.30 This Morning** (T) **12.30 Loose Women** (T) **1.30 ITV News** (T) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (T) **2.00 Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover** The team surprises two expectant parents. (T) **3.00 Secret Dealers** An Aztec mask prompts a bidding war. (T) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (T) **4.00 Tipping Point** Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (T)(R) **5.00 The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (T) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (T) **6.30 ITV News** (T)

7.00 Emmerdale Harriet offers to save Ali and Ruby's wedding following the registrar's death. (T)
7.30 Coronation Street Carla gives Michelle a cheque to cover Tracy's debts. (T)

8.00 The Martin Lewis Money Show Energy suppliers, shopping abroad and seasonal savings. (T)
8.30 Coronation Street Kevin bumps into Tim and Sally while out with Diane. (T)

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! At least one camper faces elimination, just two days before the final, and for those left behind, the end is in sight – but there are sure to be more surprises along the way. (T)

10.30 ITV News (T)

11.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (T)
11.15 FILM We Own the Night (2007) (15) Crime drama, starring Joaquin Phoenix and Mark Wahlberg. (T)

1.20 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (T)(R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

6.20 The King of Queens (T)(R) **7.10 3rd Rock from the Sun** (T)(R) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (T)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (T)(R) **10.00 Daily Brunch** (T) **11.00 Jamie's 15 Minute Meals** (T)(R) **11.30 Come Dine with Me** (T)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (T) **12.05 Come Dine with Me** (T)(R) **2.10 Countdown** (T) **3.00 Fifteen to One** General knowledge quiz. Last in the series. (T) **4.00 Deal or No Deal** Beat-the-banker game show. (T) **5.00 Come Dine with Me** (T) **5.30 Coach Trip** (T) **6.00 The Simpsons** Lisa discovers the calming properties of a patch of wild flowers. (T) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (T)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T)

8.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD When the team discovers murder victims bearing the alien glyphs that Coulson has been etching, all the agent's secrets and lies come to a head at once. (T)

9.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (T)

10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man The host is joined by entertainer Bruce Forsyth, comedian Lee Evans and singer-songwriter George Ezra, who performs his latest single Listen to the Man. (T)

11.05 Toast of London Steven sets out to stop his ex-wife's wedding from going ahead. (T)(R)
11.40 FILM White Noise: The Light (2007) (15) Horror, starring Nathan Fillion. (T)

1.25 FILM Dance Flick (2009) (15) Comedy, starring Shoshana Bush. (T) **2.50** Boss (T) **3.50** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (T)(R) **4.45** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away (T)(R) **5.40** NFL: Rush Zone (T)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff 11.10 The Hotel Inspector (T)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (T) **12.15 Living on the Edge: Blood in the Sea** (T)(R) **1.15 Home and Away** (T) **1.45 Neighbours** (T) **2.15 NCIS** A case stirs up bad memories for Ducky. (T)(R) **3.15 FILM A Fairytale Christmas (2013) (PG)** Romantic drama, starring C Thomas Howell and Haylie Duff. (T) **5.00 5 News at 5** (T) **5.30 Neighbours** Susan gets into danger when she follows Nate. (T)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** Matt deals with the unexpected arrival of his father. (T)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (T)

7.00 World War II in Colour The concluding programme looks at how Japan's savage resistance led to the decision by American president Harry S Truman to deploy the atomic bomb. Last in the series; (T) 5 News Update (T)

8.00 Ice Road Truckers Art is stranded at a fuel stop north of Winnipeg when his truck fails to start, while Alex secures a return load from Shamattawa in the form of a huge 4x4 forklift truck; (T) 5 News at 9 (T)

9.00 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild Ben travels to the canyons of Utah to meet 72-year-old twin brothers Bill and Bob Stone, who fled their adrenaline-junkie pasts for a tough subsistence lifestyle. (T)

10.00 Body of Proof An escaped prisoner asks Megan to help to prove his innocence. (T)
10.55 NCIS: Los Angeles (T)

11.55 Access Showbiz news and gossip.

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Life's Funniest Moments **6.25** You've Been Framed! **6.45** Emmerdale **7.45** You've Been Framed! **8.15** The Cube **9.15** Royal Pains **10.15** The Chase **11.15** All Star Family Fortunes **12.15** Emmerdale **1.15** You've Been Framed! **1.50** Royal Pains **2.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **7.30** You've Been Framed! **8.00** FILM: The Mummy (1999) (12) **10.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.30** Celebrity Juice **12.20** Two and a Half Men **1.15** Warren United **1.40** Dads **2.00** Life's Funniest Moments **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Movies Now **6.10** The Upper Hand **6.35** Heartbeat **7.35** George and Mildred **8.05** The Darling Buds of May **9.15** Judge Judy **10.35** A Touch of Frost **12.40** Heartbeat **1.40** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.50** Faith in the Future **4.25** French Fields **5.15** George and Mildred **5.50** Heartbeat **6.55** Wycliffe **8.00** Doc Martin **11.00** Vicious **11.40** Emmerdale **2.20** Movies Now **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel **7.15** Atlantis **8.00** Motorway Cops **9.00** Extreme Beauty Queens: Secrets of South America **10.00** Bad Education **10.30** EastEnders **11.00** Siblings **12.00** Family Guy **1.30** Bad Education **2.00** Sweat the Small Stuff **2.30** Some Girls **3.00** Life Is Toff **3.30** Parents' Evening **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** Karajan's Myth and Magic **9.00** The Story of Funk: One Nation Under a Groove **10.00** The Genius of Funk **11.00** Prince: A Purple Reign **12.00** Synth Britannia at the BBC **1.00** The Story of Funk: One Nation Under a Groove **2.00** The Genius of Funk **3.00** Prince: A Purple Reign **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Hollyoaks **6.30** Charmed **7.15** One Tree Hill **8.00** Suburgatory **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** Rules of Engagement **10.00** Charmed **12.00** Hollyoaks **12.30** Paternity Court **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** My Fair Wedding **4.00** Melissa & Joey **4.30** Suburgatory **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Melissa & Joey **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Skyline (2010) (15) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory **11.50** Tattoos After Dark **12.25** Bad Robots **12.55** Almost Royal **1.25** Paternity Court **1.55** The Cleveland Show **3.05** Franklin & Bash **3.45** One Tree Hill **4.30** Charmed

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb **10.00** Gordon Ramsay's Festive Home Cooking **11.05** River Cottage Bites **11.15** SuperScrimpers **11.50** FILM: An Inspector Calls (1954) (PG) **1.25** Time Team **3.35** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **4.40** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **5.45** Big Fat Gypsy Weddings: Best Dressed Brides **6.50** Location, Location, Location Australia **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** FILM: The Women (2008) (12) **11.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **12.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.00** Location, Location, Location Australia **2.05** Fargo **3.15** SuperScrimpers **3.50** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Guadalcanal Diary (1943) (PG) **12.50** Gunman's Walk (1958) (PG) **2.40** Bhowani Junction (1956) (PG) **4.55** Von Ryan's Express (1965) (PG) **7.15** Airplane! (1980) (PG) **9.00** Vehicle 19 (2013) (12) **10.40** Planes, Trains and Automobiles (1987) (15) **12.25** Friday the 13th (2009) (18) **2.20** Strange Wilderness (2008) (15) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.10 American Pickers **8.00** Top Gear **10.00** Traffic Cops **11.00** American Pickers **12.00** Top Gear **2.00** Traffic Cops **3.00** American Pickers **4.00** Top Gear **6.00** Traffic Cops **7.00** American Pickers **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.00** Would I Lie to You? **10.40** QI XL **11.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats **12.40** Would I Lie to You? **1.20** Frank Skinner's Opinionated **2.30** 24 Hours to Go Broke **3.15** Suits **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Real A&E **7.00** Sun, Sea and A&E **8.00** Futurama **9.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** Hawaii Five-0 **1.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **3.00** Obese: A Year to Save My Life USA **4.00** Sun, Sea and A&E **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **9.00** A League of Their Own **10.00** An Idiot Abroad 2 **11.00** Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Road Wars **4.00** Stargate Atlantis **5.00** Airline USA

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6.00 Stargate Atlantis **7.00** Blue Bloods **8.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **9.00** Without a Trace **10.00** Blue Bloods **11.00** House **1.00** Stargate Atlantis **2.00** Without a Trace **3.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **4.00** House **6.00** Blue Bloods **7.00** Without a Trace **8.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **9.00** Blue Bloods **10.00** House of Lies **10.35** David Attenborough's Galapagos **11.35** Curb Your Enthusiasm **12.10** Urban Secrets **1.10** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

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Saturday December 6th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Casualty, 9pm

6.00 Breakfast Headlines and business news. (T) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (T) **11.30 Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food** (T)(R) **12.00 BBC News;** Weather (T) **12.10 Football Focus** (T) **1.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship** (T) **4.30 Final Score** A round-up of this afternoon's football results. (T) **5.25 Celebrity Mastermind** With Clare Grogan, Newton Faulkner, Richard Whitehead and Quentin Letts. (T)(R) **5.55 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather (T) **6.10 Pointless Celebrities** Writers including Charlie Higson, Gill Hornby and Stuart Maconie take part. (T)

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7.00 Strictly Come Dancing Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the quarter-final of the ballroom battle as the remaining six couples take one more step closer to lifting the glitterball trophy. (T)

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8.15 Atlantis Ariadne faces danger while travelling to Telemon's homeland. (T)

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9.00 Casualty Ash and Dylan disagree on how to treat a suspected overdose. (T)
9.50 The National Lottery Live With singer Katherine Jenkins. (T)

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10.00 BBC News; Weather (T)
10.20 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes; (T) National Lottery Update (T)

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11.45 The Football League Show Highlights of the latest games in the Championship and League Two. (T)

AFTER 12

12.25 FILM **AWOL: Absent Without Leave (1990) (18)** Action adventure, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. (T) **2.05** Weather for the Week Ahead (T) **2.10** BBC News (T)

BBC2

Tomorrow's Worlds: The Unearthly History of Science Fiction, 10pm

6.00 CBBC 11.00 The Blue Planet (T)(R) **12.00 Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey** (T)(R) **1.00 The Rockford Files** (T)(R) **1.45** FILM **The Great Caruso (1951) (U)** (T) **3.30 Flog It!** From Warminster in Wiltshire. (T)(R) **4.30 Live Snooker: UK Championship** Further coverage of the first semi-final at the Barbican Centre in York. (T) **5.30 Restoring England's Heritage** Architect Jeremy Gould tours Devon and Cornwall's crumbling historic buildings. (T) **6.00 Secrets of the Castle with Ruth, Peter and Tom** The trio turn their attentions to medieval interior design. (T)(R)

7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship Hazel Irvine presents all the action from the second semi-final at the Barbican Centre in York. (T)

10.00 Tomorrow's Worlds: The Unearthly History of Science Fiction Dominic Sandbrook examines sci-fi's obsession with creating artificial life. (T)

11.00 Intruders Marcus and Madison engage in a fatal struggle. Last in the series. (T)
11.45 FILM **Night and the City (1992) (15)** Thriller remake, starring Robert De Niro. (T)

1.25 FILM **Beyond the Fire (2009) (15)** Romantic drama, starring Scot Williams and Cara Seymour. (T) **2.40** This Is BBC Two (T)

ITV

The Chase: Celebrity Special, 7pm

6.00 CITV 9.25 Dinner Date (T)(R) **10.20 Murder, She Wrote** (T)(R) **11.15 ITV News;** Weather (T) **11.25 Storage Hoarders** (T)(R) **12.25 Countrywise** (T)(R) **12.55 Doc Martin** (T)(R) **2.00 Keep it in the Family** Former I'm a Celebrity campers help contestants win prizes. Last in the series. (T)(R) **3.00** FILM **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002) (PG)** Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe. (T) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (T) **6.15 ITV News** (T) **6.30 New You've Been Framed!** Featuring elaborate pranks and a cat terrorising a postman. (T)

7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special I'm a Celebrity 2013 winner Kian Egan, former Olympic swimmer Sharron Davies, presenter Matt Johnson and actor Larry Lamb play for charity. Bradley Walsh hosts. Last in the series. (T)

8.00 The X Factor The acts have been in rehearsals all week and now the time has come for them to show the voting public why they deserve a place in next week's final. Dermot O'Leary hosts. (T)

9.30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present highlights from the past 24 hours in the jungle and reveal which celebrity has fallen at the last hurdle, missing out on a place in the final. (T)

10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show With Jeremy Clarkson, Martin Freeman, Miranda Hart and Paul McCartney. (T)

11.40 ITV News; Weather (T)
11.55 FILM **Play Misty for Me (1971) (18)** Psychological thriller, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood, with Jessica Walter. (T)

1.40 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (T)(R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

Inside Rolls-Royce, 7pm

6.05 Great Ethiopian Run (T) **7.00 FIM Superbike World Championship** A review of the season with Tom Sykes. (T) **8.00 The Morning Line** Nick Luck presents from Donald McCain's yard. (T) **9.00 Weekend Kitchen** With Sarah Millican, Michael Ball and Simon Lycett. (T) **10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (T)(R) **10.30 Frasier** (T)(R) **11.25 The Big Bang Theory** (T)(R) **11.55 The Simpsons** (T)(R) **12.20 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD** (T)(R) **1.20 Channel 4 Racing** Live coverage from Sandown Park and Aintree. (T) **4.00 Come Dine with Me** (T)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (T)

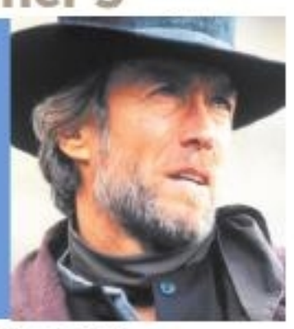
7.00 Inside Rolls-Royce Behind the scenes at the renowned car manufacturer's Goodwood factory, as the team builds the luxurious Celestial Phantom, which comes complete with diamond-studded interior. (T)(R)

8.00 FILM **Battleship (2012) (12)** Premiere. American naval vessels go into battle against an invading fleet of powerful alien spaceships. Sci-fi adventure, with Taylor Kitsch, Liam Neeson and Alexander Skarsgard. (T)

10.35 FILM **From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) (18)** A pair of outlaws take a family hostage and then lie low in a Mexican strip club, which turns out to be infested with vampires. Horror, starring George Clooney. (T)

12.40 FILM **The Talented Mr Ripley (1999) (15)** Anthony Minghella's crime thriller, starring Matt Damon. (T) **3.05** Hollyoaks (T)(R) **5.15** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away (T)(R)

Channel 5


Pale Rider, 10.30pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles The brothers try to stop squirrel mutants from escaping into the city. (T)(R) **10.30** FILM **Santa Jr (2002) (PG)** Christmas comedy, starring Nick Stabile. (T) **12.15** FILM **Meet the Santas (2005) (PG)** Fantasy comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg. (T) **1.55** FILM **Hats Off to Christmas! (2013) (PG)** Romantic drama, with Haylie Duff and Antonio Cupo. (T) **3.40** FILM **Mrs Miracle (2009) (PG)** Family drama, starring Doris Roberts. (T) **5.35** FILM **Noel (2004) (PG)** Drama, starring Susan Sarandon and Penelope Cruz. (T)

7.25 Britain's Craziest Christmas Lights Noddy Holder narrates a documentary following four households as they transform their homes into electric winter wonderlands with extensive displays of festive illuminations.

8.25 5 News Weekend (T)
8.30 FILM **Rocky Balboa (2006) (12)** Boxing drama sequel, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. With Burt Young. (T)

9.00 Tomorrow's Worlds: The Unearthly History of Science Fiction **10.00** BBC News; Weather (T) **10.20** Match of the Day **11.00** Intruders **11.45** Night and the City (1992) (15) **1.25** Beyond the Fire (2009) (15) **2.40** This Is BBC Two (T) **2.05** Weather for the Week Ahead (T) **2.10** BBC News (T)

10.00 Inside Rolls-Royce **10.35** From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) (18) **12.40** The Talented Mr Ripley (1999) (15) **3.05** Hollyoaks (T)(R) **5.15** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away (T)(R)

10.30 Pale Rider (1985) (15) **12.40 SuperCasino 3.10** Gotham (T)(R) **4.00** House Doctor (T)(R) **4.25** Make It Big (T)(R) **4.50** Make It Big (T)(R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm (T)(R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm (T)(R) **5.30** Angels of Jarm (T)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 You've Been Framed! **6.25** Emmerdale **9.25** Coronation Street **12.00** The Cube: Celebrity Special **1.00** Totally You've Been Framed! **2.05** FILM: Rumor Has It (2005) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Aniston and Kevin Costner. **4.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **5.30** FILM: She's the Man (2006) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Amanda Bynes and Channing Tatum. **7.40** FILM: The Scorpion King (2002) (PG) Fantasy action adventure, starring Dwayne Johnson. **9.30** The Xtra Factor **10.35** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.35** The X Factor **1.05** The Xtra Factor **2.00** Two and a Half Men **2.45** Nicole Scherzinger: The Hot Desk **2.55** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 World Kitchen **6.25** FILM: The Four Musketeers (1974) (PG) Swashbuckling adventure sequel, starring Oliver Reed. **8.25** The Royal **10.30** The Darling Buds of May **12.50** FILM: Columbo: Negative Reaction (1974) (PG) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **2.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** A Touch of Frost **1.05** Bomb Girls **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Doctor Who **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Sherlock **10.30** Bad Education **11.00** Family Guy **1.30** Life Is Toff **2.00** Sweat the Small Stuff **2.30** Some Girls **3.00** Bad Education **3.30** Parents' Evening **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Ice Age Giants **8.00** Sex and Sensibility: The Allure of Art Nouveau **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.45** Billy Joel: The Bridge to Russia – A Matter of Trust **12.00** Billy Joel: Live in Leningrad **1.20** Top of the Pops: 1979 **2.00** Ice Age Giants **3.00** Sex and Sensibility: The Allure of Art Nouveau **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 My Fair Wedding **7.40** Paternity Court **8.35** Rules of Engagement **10.00** Little Wolf's Book of Badness **10.35** Lost and Found **11.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **12.00** How I Met Your Mother **1.00** Melissa & Joey **3.00** Made in Chelsea **4.00** Rude(ish) Tube **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: The Waterboy (1998) (12) Sporting comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **10.50** Rude Tube **11.55** The Inbetweeners **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Cleveland Show **3.15** Franklin & Bash **3.55** Happy Endings **4.20** My Fair Wedding

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 River Cottage Bites **9.15** Time Team **10.15** FILM: King Kong (1976) (PG) Fantasy adventure remake, starring Jeff Bridges. **12.55** Four in a Bed **3.35** Location, Location, Location **5.45** The World's Most Extreme **6.50** UFOs: The Secret Evidence **9.00** Psychopath Night **11.00** Catching a Killer – Crocodile Tears **12.05** 12 Year Old Lifer **1.15** Spying on Hitler's Army: The Secret Recordings **2.20** Time Team **3.25** River Cottage Bites **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 The Belles of St Trinian's (1954) (U) Comedy, starring Alastair Sim. **1.00** The Hunt for Red October (1990) (PG) Cold War thriller, starring Sean Connery. **3.45** The King and I (1956) (U) Oscar-winning musical, starring Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr. **6.25** The Way Back (2010) (12) Drama, starring Ed Harris. **9.00** Solomon Kane (2010) (15) Period fantasy thriller, starring James Purefoy. **11.05** Heat (1995) (15) Crime thriller, starring Robert De Niro and Al Pacino. **2.20** Shutter (2008) (15) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.10 Rocket City Rednecks **8.00** Top Gear **10.00** Storage Hunters **11.00** American Pickers **12.00** Lizard Lick Towing **1.00** Man v Food **2.00** Storage Hunters **3.00** Red Dwarf **7.00** Storage Hunters **8.00** QI XL **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.55** Red Dwarf **2.00** Dara O Briain: School of Hard Sums **3.35** Lizard Lick Towing **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Dog the Bounty Hunter **6.30** Glee **7.30** The Fantasy Football Club **8.30** The F1 Show **10.00** Soccer AM **12.00** WWE Superstars **1.00** Get Santa Special **1.30** Penguins of Madagascar Special **2.00** Last Man Standing **3.00** All Aboard: East Coast Trains **5.00** Portrait Artist of the Year 2014 **6.00** The Great Culture Quiz **6.30** The Simpsons **7.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **8.00** Hawaii Five-0 **9.00** FILM: Alien 3 (1992) (18) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Sigourney Weaver. **11.15** A League of Their Own **12.15** Hawaii Five-0 **1.15** NCIS: Los Angeles **2.05** The Smoke **3.00** The Smoke **4.00** Crash Test Dummies

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Cleverdicks **7.00** The Guest Wing **8.00** Seinfeld **9.00** Smash **11.00** The Mortified Sessions **12.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **1.00** Urban Secrets **2.00** The British **3.00** Blue Bloods **6.00** Without a Trace **8.00** Urban Secrets. Alan Cumming visits Liverpool. **9.00** The Newsroom. Will refuses to reveal the source of the stolen government documents. **10.15** The Knick **11.20** Falcon **12.20** David Attenborough's Galapagos **1.20** Urban Secrets **2.20** Curb Your Enthusiasm **2.55** The Sopranos **4.00** The Devil's Dinner Party **5.00** Fish Town

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Sunday December 7th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Antiques Roadshow, 8pm

6.00 Breakfast (T) **7.35 Match of the Day** (T)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (T) **10.00 Fern Britton Meets Nicholas Parsons** (T) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (T) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (T) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (T) **1.15 Bargain Hunt** (T)(R) **1.45 FA Cup Final Score** (T) **4.20 Songs of Praise** Chef James Martin creates a festive tipple. (T) **4.55 Christmas Supermarket Secrets** Gregg Wallace finds out how major retailers cope at Christmas. (T)(R) **5.55 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather (T) **6.20 Countryfile** Helen Skelton finds dinosaur footprints in East Sussex. (T)

7
7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results Another couple leave and OneRepublic provide the music. (T)

8
8.00 Antiques Roadshow The team visits Waltham Forest Town Hall in east London, where items include a Rolex with a connection to Britain's Special Forces and the world's oldest hot cross bun. (T)

9
9.00 Remember Me DI Fairholme joins Hannah to search for Tom, finding him at a caravan park – but he still refuses to be drawn on the significance of the song Scarborough Fair. Last in the series. (T)

10
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather (T)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action. (T)

11
11.35 The Apprentice The entrepreneurs are challenged to find and buy nine items. (T)(R)

AFTER 12
12.35 FILM Racing for Time (2008) (12) Fact-based sporting drama, directed by and starring Charles S Dutton. (T) **2.00** Weather for the Week Ahead (T) **2.05** BBC News (T)

BBC2

MOTD: FA Cup Highlights, 6pm

6.15 Great British Garden Revival Fruit trees and ornamental bedding plants. (T)(R) **7.15 Countryfile** (T)(R) **8.15 Glorious Gardens from Above** (T)(R) **9.00 The Football League Show** (T)(R) **9.40 50 Golden Years of Sport on BBC Two** (T)(R) **10.40 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** Highlights of the series. (T) **12.10 The A to Z of TV Cooking** (T)(R) **12.55 Live Snooker: UK Championship** The opening session of the final at the Barbican Centre in York. (T) **6.00 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights** Action from the latest second-round matches. (T)

7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the second session of the final at the Barbican Centre in York. Subsequent programmes subject to change. (T)

11.00 Russell Howard's Good News (T)(R)
11.30 FILM The British Guide to Showing Off (2011) (15) (T)

1.05 Sign Zone: Countryfile (T)(R) **2.00** Holby City (T)(R) **3.00** This Is BBC Two (T)

ITV

Coronation Street, 7pm

6.00 CITV 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal From Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire. (T)(R) **10.25 Murder, She Wrote** A voodoo cult murders a journalist. (T)(R) **11.25 ITV News;** Weather (T) **11.35 FILM Batteries Not Included (1987) (PG)** Sci-fi fantasy, starring Jessica Tandy. (T) **1.30 All Star Family Fortunes** Dominic Brunt and Jenny Frost take part. (T)(R) **2.30 The X Factor** The acts compete for places in next week's final. (T)(R) **4.00 FILM Apollo 13 (1995) (PG)** Fact-based drama, starring Tom Hanks. (T) **6.35 ITV Regional News;** Weather (T) **6.45 ITV News** (T)

7.00 Coronation Street Hour-long episode. A desperate Kylie sets off to find Callum after running out of drugs, while Katy tells Alya that she reckons Gary and Izzy are getting back together. (T)

8.00 The X Factor Results The remaining contestants wait with bated breath as Dermot O'Leary reveals who is safe and which acts will be battling it out in the sing-off for a place in next week's final. (T)

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec follow the finalists' last 24 hours in the Australian jungle, reveal the results of the public vote and crown this year's winner. Last in the series. (T)

10.30 ITV News; Weather (T)
10.45 FILM I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry (2007) (12) Comedy, with Adam Sandler, Kevin James and Jessica Biel. (T)

11.00 Russell Howard's Good News (T)(R)
11.30 FILM The British Guide to Showing Off (2011) (15) (T)

12.50 The Store 2.35 Motorsport UK (T)(R) **3.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (T)(R) **4.10** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (T)(R)

Channel 4

Homeland, 9pm

6.10 NFL: The American Football Show Highlights from the 13th week of the NFL campaign. (T)(R) **7.05 How I Met Your Mother** (T)(R) **7.55 Frasier** A story is told from four perspectives. (T)(R) **8.30 Small Animal Hospital** (T) **9.00 Jamie's Comfort Food** (T)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** With Al Murray and Ella Henderson. (T) **12.30 The Big Bang Theory** (T)(R) **1.55 The Simpsons** (T)(R) **2.50 FILM Stardust (2007) (PG)** Fantasy adventure, starring Charlie Cox and Claire Danes. (T) **5.25 FILM Home Alone 2: Lost In New York (1992) (PG)** Comedy sequel, starring Macaulay Culkin. (T)

7.45 Channel 4 News (T)

8.00 The Billion Pound Base: Dismantling Camp Bastion Documentary following the closure of the military base in Afghanistan. (T)

9.00 Homeland Carrie is forced to improvise to salvage her mission, while the CIA swiftly closes in on a leak. Claire Danes, Rupert Friend and Mandy Patinkin star. (T)

10.00 FILM Sinister (2012) (15) Premiere. A writer researching a horrific incident that took place in his house years previously uncovers a supernatural threat. Horror, starring Ethan Hawke and Juliet Rylance. (T)

12.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man (T)(R) **1.00** American Football Live. (T) **4.45** NFL: Rush Zone (T) **5.10** Win It Cook It (T)(R) **5.35** Countdown (T)(R)

Channel 5

Police Interceptors, 9.50am

6.00 Milkshake! 9.10 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles April faces danger from a new threat. (T)(R) **9.45 Access** (R) **9.50 Police Interceptors** (T)(R) **12.40 FILM Dear Santa (2011) (12)** Romantic comedy, starring Amy Acker and David Haydn-Jones. (T) **2.30 FILM Santa Who? (2000) (U)** Family comedy, starring Leslie Nielsen. (T) **4.20 FILM Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006) (U)** Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Ray Romano. (T) **6.00 5 News Weekend** (T) **6.05 FILM Where Eagles Dare (1969) (PG)** Second World War adventure, with Richard Burton and Clint Eastwood. (T)

9.00 FILM Enemies Closer (2013) (15) Premiere. Action adventure, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and Tom Everett Scott. (T)

10.45 FILM The Shepherd (2008) (15) A border patrol agent sets out to stop military veterans trying to smuggle heroin out of Mexico into the US. Action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and Scott Adkins. (T)

12.35 Campus PD (T)(R) **1.05** SuperCasino **3.10** The Gadget Show (T)(R) **4.00** House Doctor (T)(R) **4.25** Make It Big (T)(R) **4.50** Make It Big (T)(R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm (T)(R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm (T)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Emmerdale **9.05** Coronation Street **11.30** The X Factor **1.00** The Xtra Factor **2.05** Blue: The Hot Desk **2.15** You've Been Framed at Christmas **3.15** Ant & Dec's Christmas Show **4.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **5.40** FILM: The Mummy (1999) (12) Fantasy action adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. **8.00** Scorpion **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** You've Been Framed! **10.30** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.35** FILM: American Pie Presents Band Camp (2005) (15) Comedy sequel, starring Tad Hilgenbrinck and Eugene Levy. **1.20** Two and a Half Men **2.10** The Vampire Diaries **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 World Kitchen **6.25** FILM: The Nun's Story (1959) (PG) **9.25** Heartbeat **11.30** A Touch of Frost **1.35** Rosemary & Thyme **2.35** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.40** FILM: Columbo: Troubled Waters (1975) (PG) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Robert Vaughn. **6.45** Inspector Morse **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Cracker **1.10** William and Mary **2.05** Judge Judy

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Top Gear **8.00** Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Some Girls **12.00** Sweat the Small Stuff **12.30** Life Is Toff **1.00** Edinburgh Comedy Fest Live 2012 **2.00** Extreme Beauty Queens: Secrets of South America **3.00** Some Girls **3.30** Life Is Toff **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 The Great War **7.40** Britain's Wild Places **8.00** The Day of the Triffids **9.00** Imagine – Rod Stewart: Can't Stop Me Now **10.25** Foo Fighters: Sonic Highways **12.25** The Story of Funk: One Nation Under a Groove **1.25** The Genius of Funk **2.25** Imagine – Rod Stewart: Can't Stop Me Now **3.50** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **7.35** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Melissa & Joey **10.00** Hollyoaks **12.30** Made in Chelsea **1.35** Melissa & Joey **2.00** FILM: First Daughter (2004) (PG) Romantic comedy, starring Katie Holmes and Marc Blucas. **4.15** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** FILM: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) (PG) Drama, starring Briana Evigan. **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.10** Bad Robots **11.40** How I Met Your Mother **12.40** Rules of Engagement **1.40** Paternity Court **2.35** My Fair Wedding **3.20** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Gordon Ramsay's Festive Home Cooking **10.00** Christmas at River Cottage **11.00** Heston's Fantastical Christmas **12.05** Jamie's Family Christmas **1.40** Car SOS **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special **8.00** The Year Britain Froze **9.00** World's Worst Natural Disasters **11.05** Father Ted **12.15** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.15** World's Worst Natural Disasters **3.20** River Cottage Bites **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Merrill's Marauders (1962) (PG) **1.00** Rat Race (2001) (12) **3.10** Passport to Pimlico (1949) (U) **4.55** The Nativity Story (2006) (PG) Biblical drama, starring Keisha Castle-Hughes. **6.55** Big (1988) (12) Comedy, starring Tom Hanks. **9.00** This Means War (2012) (12) Comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon. **10.55** Under Siege 2: Dark Territory (1995) (18) Action adventure sequel, starring Steven Seagal. **1.00** No (2012) (15) **3.25** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.00 Rocket City Rednecks **7.50** Top Gear **10.30** Lizard Lick Towing **5.00** Storage Hunters **6.00** Red Bull Cliff Diving 2014 **6.40** World's Most Dangerous Roads **8.00** Top Gear **9.40** 8 Out of 10 Cats **10.40** Mock the Week **11.20** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **12.20** Russell Howard Live: Right Here, Right Now **2.20** Dara O Briain: School of Hard Sums **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **8.00** Glee **9.00** Get Santa Special **9.30** Penguins of Madagascar Special **10.00** WWE Superstars **11.00** WWE: Experience **12.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **1.00** Last Man Standing **2.00** All Aboard: East Coast Trains **4.00** Futurama **4.30** The Simpsons **6.30** Futurama **7.00** The Flash **8.00** Modern Family **8.30** Trollied **9.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** Road Wars **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** Spy **3.00** Costa Del Street Crime **4.00** Crash Test Dummies

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Cleverdicks **7.00** Love/Lust and Bad Girls **8.00** The Guest Wing **9.00** Seinfeld **10.00** Smash **12.00** Urban Secrets **1.00** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **2.00** Friday Night Lights **3.00** Blue Bloods **5.00** Without a Trace **8.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **9.00** Game of Thrones. Arya is brought before the commander of the Brotherhood without Banners. **10.10** FILM: Full Metal Jacket (1987) (15) Vietnam War drama, starring Matthew Modine. **12.20** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **1.20** True Detective **2.25** This Is Jinsy **2.55** The Sopranos

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Star-studded pantomime

IT'S that time of year again - pantomime season is back.

And this year, the people of Basingstoke will get the chance to see Cinderella at The Anvil from December 11 to January 4.

Cinderella works hard every day and night whist her spiteful ugly sisters do nothing.

However, when she meets her Fairy Godmother, her life starts to change in all kinds of wonderful ways.

The pantomime has brought in famous TV faces including Keith Chegwin playing Buttons, a servant of Cinderella's dad.

"I was at The Anvil doing a pantomime 14 years ago, so I'm very pleased to be back. It's like visiting an old friend," Keith told the Observer.

"The audience can expect a lot of screaming, shouting, good clean comedy, great songs and the production value is second to none. Plus we have real ponies in the production, so I really can't wait."

He added: "Buttons is a great part to play -he's mischievous, effervescent, comedic and a great flexible character that allows me to have lots of audience interaction."

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The 57-year-old from Liverpool has had a colourful career spanning nearly 50 years.

After starting out as a child actor in the late 1960's, he made his name presenting in the late 1970s on shows such as, 'Multi-Coloured Swap Shop', 'Cheggers Plays Pop' and 'Saturday Superstore'.

He also appeared in the 2004 film, 'Shaun of the Dead', and in the BBC comedy show, 'Extras', created by Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant.

"This is the best time of the year for me, I love panto," said Keith.

"This is a real chance to perform and entertain, as well as having great fun doing it. It wouldn't be Christmas without a pantomime.

"I really think the parents will love it as well."

Tickets cost from £19 to £24.

Over 65s get £2 off while full-time students and under 16's get £3 off.

Visit anvilarts.org.uk for more information or to book.

Xmas carving

MAKE-YOUR-OWN rustic Christmas decorations from willow during two workshops at Basingstoke Discovery Centre next week.

Tiny reindeer, stars and little woven Christmas trees can be carefully crafted at the centre in Festival Place.

The two workshops next Saturday, December 13, start at 10.30am and 1.30pm and cost £10, suitable for over 10s.

Booking is recommended.

Extravaganza

A LANTERN-lit parade, carol singing and indoor disco are just some of the events kicking off for Christmas for free at Popley Fields Community Centre on Monday, December 15.

Musical performances, a raffle and refreshments will all be available at the centre in Carpenters Down.

The event runs from 6pm to 9pm.

Film showing

BRITISH drama film 'Locke' will be shown for free at Basingstoke Discovery Centre next Thursday, December 11.

The critically acclaimed film stars Tom Hardy as Ivan Locke, whose decisions change his life forever.

The two screenings are at 1pm and 3.30pm.

Santa Claus is coming to town

'THE Life & Adventures of Santa Claus' will be brought to life at The Haymarket theatre from Friday.

L. Frank Baum's classic children's story will take the stage for performances until December 14 at the Wote Street theatre in the run-up to Christmas.

L. Frank Baum, the same author who wrote 'The Wizard of Oz', first published the book in April 1902.

It tells how and why Santa began to deliver presents to all the children at Christmas every single year.

Nick Ash, who plays various characters in the production, said: "We play three storytellers explaining the story of Father Christmas.

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"There are lots of characters in the show so we all have to act as a number of different people... and animals.

"I don't want to give too much away but I have to play one of Santa's reindeer at one point. It's a fast paced show with some wonderful songs.

"There will also be a lot of laughs for children and for the adults."

The actor, who trained at East 15 Acting School in Essex, added: "In this day and age, we are bombarded with moving images on screens all the time now.

"However, there is still something magical about watching actual people performing in front of you."

The 40-year-old revealed his plans for Christmas when the show comes to it's end.

"I'm looking forward to getting some time to relax," he said.

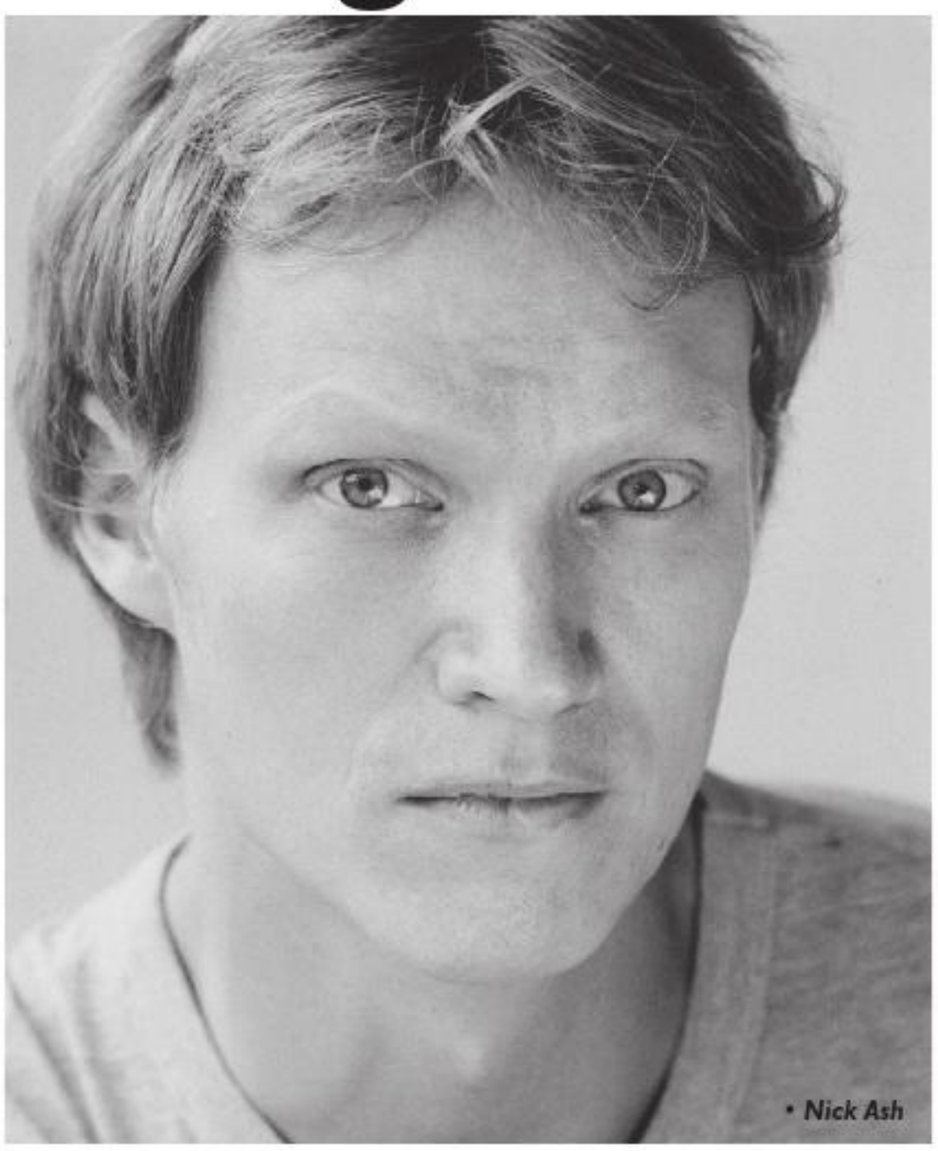
"I've just moved in with my girlfriend so we'll be spending our first Christmas together which will be nice."

The production lasts for 50 minutes and is suitable for anyone over the age of three.

Tickets cost £11.

Call 01256 844244 for details.

• Actors Andrew Pugsley, Holly Beth Morgan and Ed Burnside (photo by Stuart Slavicky)



• Nick Ash

Christmas fete

SHERBORNE St. John Church of England Primary School will be holding a Christmas Fete on Friday, December 5.

A gift stall, Santa's grotto and a raffle will all be on hand during the evening at the Church Lane school.

The fete will raise money for school resources and activities.

It is a free event and will run from 5pm to 7pm.

Bob Dylan

AN EVENING of Bob Dylan will run at The Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre on Saturday, December 6.

The Bob Dylan Experience tribute group will perform a number of Dylan's classics from the 1960s to the present day.

Tickets cost £8.50 and the gig, at the centre in Station Road, Bordon, will start at 8pm.

Comedy club

THE Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre's monthly comedy club will run tomorrow, December 4.

Comedians Matt Green, Jonny Awsum and Tania Edwards will be telling gags and jokes from 8pm at the centre in Station Road, Bordon.

Tickets cost £9.50, with concessions costing £8.50.

Call 01420 472664 for details.

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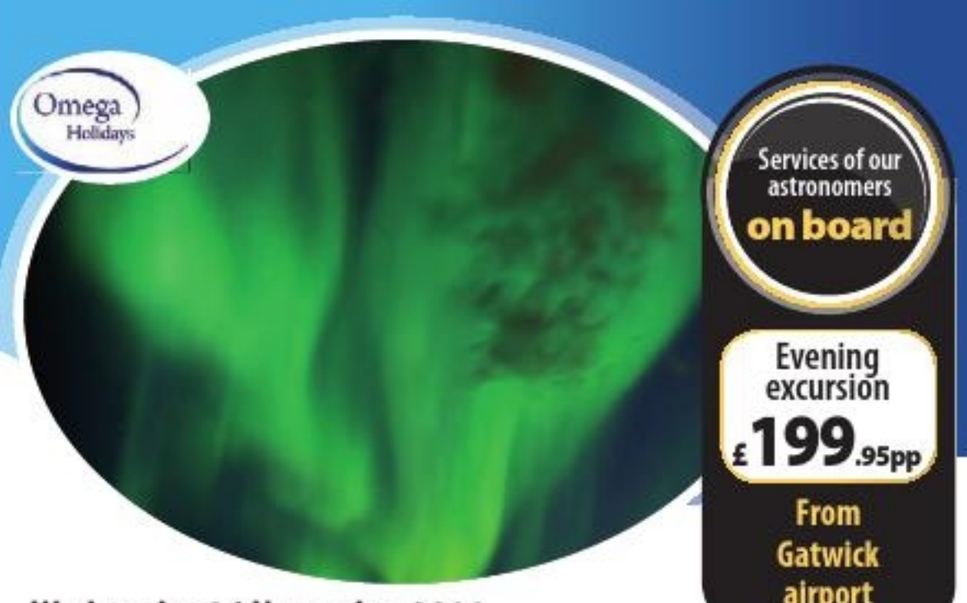
In search of the Northern Lights by air



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What's on in HAMPSHIRE | LISTINGS

4 December 2014, 2:00 pm
Basingstoke Discovery Centre
WORK OF THE LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM
Barry LeJeune is Chairman of the London Transport Museum Friends. It will cost £3.
01256 478 670

4 December 2014 7:00 pm
Proteus Theatre
THE GREAT BEAUTY
Starring Toni Servillo as Jep Gambardella, we meet a man who has seduced his way through the lavish nightlife of Rome for decades, but after his 65th birthday, Jep looks past the nightclubs to find a timeless landscape of exquisite beauty.
The film will be in Italian with English subtitles.
Tickets cost £5.
01256 321 621

4 December 2014, 8:00 pm
Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre
COMEDY CLUB
Located on Station Road in Bordon, The Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre will host their monthly Comedy Club on December 4.
Comedians Matt Green, Jonny Awsum and Tania Edwards will be telling the gags and jokes from 8pm.
Tickets are £9.50. Concessions £8.50
Call 01420 472664 for more information.
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5 December 2014 - 14 December 2014
The Haymarket
THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF SANTA CLAUS
"Based on the book by L Frank Baum, author of The Wizard of Oz, this exciting story follows the early life of Santa Claus from being abandoned in the forest and adopted by the wood-nymphs, through to making and delivering the very first toys.
Meet the original reindeer Glossie and Flossie as well as the chilly rogue Jack Frost and find out the answer to lots of Christmas questions! Why do we hang stockings? When was the first Christmas tree? And why on earth does Santa climb down the chimney?
With original music and lots of audience participation this is a wonderful seasonal show from Artsdepot and Big Wooden Horse, the creators of the hit shows Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! and The Night Before Christmas."
01256 844 244

5 December 2014, 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm
St Leonards Centre, Oakley. RG23 7ED
OAKLEY VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MARKET
In the style of Winchester and Salisbury Christmas Markets, approx 40 local small businesses selling everything for your Christmas from gifts to food, including hair and beauty treatments on the night. In aid of Sebastian's Trust, local children's hospice. Blue badge disabled parking only. Please leave your car in Oakley village and walk down Rectory Rd with torch (approx. 5 mins).
oakleyvillagechristmasmarket@gmail.com

5 December 2014, 5:00 pm
Market Place, London Street, Wote Street, Church Street, Winchester Street
CHRISTMAS IN THE TOP OF THE TOWN
"Santa's grotto, a real reindeer, The Basingstoke Rock Choir and The Salvation Army brass band are just some of things that will take place on December 5!
www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/townchristmas

5 December 2014,5:00 pm
Sherborne St. John C of E School
SHERBORNE ST. JOHN C OF E SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE
"Includes Santa's grotto, BBQ, raffle (£100 prize), BBQ, Christmas Wreaths and puddings for sale, gift stall, turkey island and a secret room.
Join us for lots of fun and to help raise money for school resources and activities.
01256 850180

6 December 2014, 8:00 pm
The Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre
THE BOB DYLAN EXPERIENCE
"The Bob Dylan Experience will be at The Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre on December 6, located on Station Road in Bordon.
The tribute group will perform a number of Dylan's classics from the 1960's to the present day.
Tickets are £8.50 and the gig will start at 8pm.
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6 December 2014, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
The Costello School, Basingstoke RG21 4AL
AINEE'S BAZAAR CHRISTMAS FAIR
"Indoor market with unique and personalised gift ideas for the whole family, showcasing 30 stalls of local businesses.
www.aineesbazaar.co.uk
6 December 2016. 7:30 pm 11:00 pm popley fields community centre keith charles tv's psychic detective an evening of mediumship, knights circle - reg charity0132596; £15 each. 01256 336279 or jean 01189 702392 or centre. hunters4@sky.com

6 December 2014, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm
Cliddesden Primary School
CLIDDESDEN SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
"A fun event for all the family including the chance to do some Christmas shopping!!! as well as lots of fun games and a special visit from Father Christmas in his very own Grotto!!!

7 December 2014.11:00 am-4:00 pm
Viables Craft Centre, Basingstoke Hampshire RG22 4BJ
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10 December 2014, 10:30 am
Basingstoke Discovery Centre
RHYMETIME AT BASINGSTOKE DISCOVERY CENTRE
"Toe tapping, hand clapping songs and rhymes for the under fives and their carers, in the children's area for half an hour.
Free - just come along and join in the fun!"
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10 December 2014, 2:00 pm
Basingstoke Discovery Centre
KNIT AND KNATTER AT BASINGSTOKE DISCOVERY CENTRE
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11 December 2014, 1:00 pm
The Basingstoke Discovery Centre
LOCKE
"Film Showing
British drama film 'Locke' will be shown at The Basingstoke Discovery Centre located in the Festival Place Shopping Centre, on December 11.
The critically acclaimed film stars Tom Hardy as Ivan Locke, whose decisions will change his life forever. This is a free event with two screenings taking place at 1pm and 3.30pm.
01256 478670

11 December 2014 -4 January 2015
The Anvil
CINDERELLA
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Katy is best known presenting on the BAFTA award winning TV channel CBeebies including four series of I Can Cook.
With singing, dancing, fun and laughter for everyone, make your dreams come true at The Anvil this Christmas!"
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13 Dec - 14 Dec 2014, 2:00 pm
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13 December 2014-14 December 2014, 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Absolutely Office, Lutyens Close, Basingstoke, RG24 8AG
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Book a skating session on the rink! Fun for the whole family!
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£15.00 Family tickets (2 adults, 2 children)
50pence booking fee."
01256 316513

13 December 2014, 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Barton's Mill Pub Bartons Lane, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG24 8AN
SANTA'S GROTTO
"Please come and join us to celebrate an early Christmas. We have a fun and festive day planned for you.
Come and visit SANTA in his grotto where your child will be able to meet Santa Claus and receive a fantastic present for only £3.75 each.
We also have a photographer available to take pictures of your little ones. If you would like to visit Santa please prebook.
This is a fee event. "
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14 December 2014, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Carnival Hall, Council Road, Basingstoke RG21 3DH
CHRISTMAS MARKET
"We have a number of traders selling some lovely gifts for you to purchase, as well as a Santa's grotto.
Tickets available for only £3.50 which includes a fantastic present.
Food will also be available.
We also have a photographer available to take pictures of your little ones with Santa in his grotto.
These are only £5.00. For tickets and more information or to book a stall place please contact Kerrie.
07513 437 509 or kerriehirst@me.com

15 December 2014, 8:15 pm
The Forge
GENTLE MEN – ROY BAILEY & ROBB JOHNSON
Robb Johnson's highly acclaimed song suite Gentle Men focuses on his grandfathers' experience of the war. The songs present the effect of history on two of its statistics, two ordinary soldiers, two gentle men, who survived the war but were forever in its shadow.
01256 844244 www.anvilarts.org.uk

17 December 2014, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
The Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre
THE CHRISTMASSY CHRISTMAS SHOW OF CHRISTMASSY CHRISTMASNESS
"Squashbox Theatre's new show is a celebration of everything Christmassy, from fir trees, fairy lights, sleigh bells and snowflakes to crackers, carols, presents and puddings!
Meet a snowman who lives in the fridge, try and spot some naughty elves, play hunt the brussel sprout, endure the world's worst Christmas jumper and gaze at the ""beautiful"" Christmas fairy!
Learn about Yuletide traditions old and new, hear the story of the first Christmas Tree and even explore some festive science.
The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmasness! is an over-stuffed stocking of seasonal surprises crammed with puppets, songs, quizzes and comedy, and over-flowing with crazy characters, silly slapstick, tall tales and fantastic facts - all presented in that unique Squashbox style!"
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20 December 2014,7:00 am
The Vyne School, Vyne Road, Basingstoke RG21 5PB (Sat Nav RG21 5NU)
CAR BOOT SALE
Our established outdoor car boot sales take place every Saturday and Sunday and Bank holiday Mondays.
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20 December 2014
St. John's Church, Hook
HOOK CHORAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Come and join us for this celebration of Christmas music with mulled wine and mince pies.

21 December 2014, 7:30 pm
The Haymarket
CAROLS AND CAPERS
"Following the hugely popular 2012 Christmas tour, renowned folk singer Maddy Prior joins up once again with the Carnival Band during the Festive Season for their unique celebratory show Carols & Capers. Together they mix renaissance, modern and ethnic instruments with a refreshing cavalier attitude and plenty of humour putting their inimitable stamps on a range of familiar and not-so-familiar festive fare. This will guarantee to be a Christmas party to remember."
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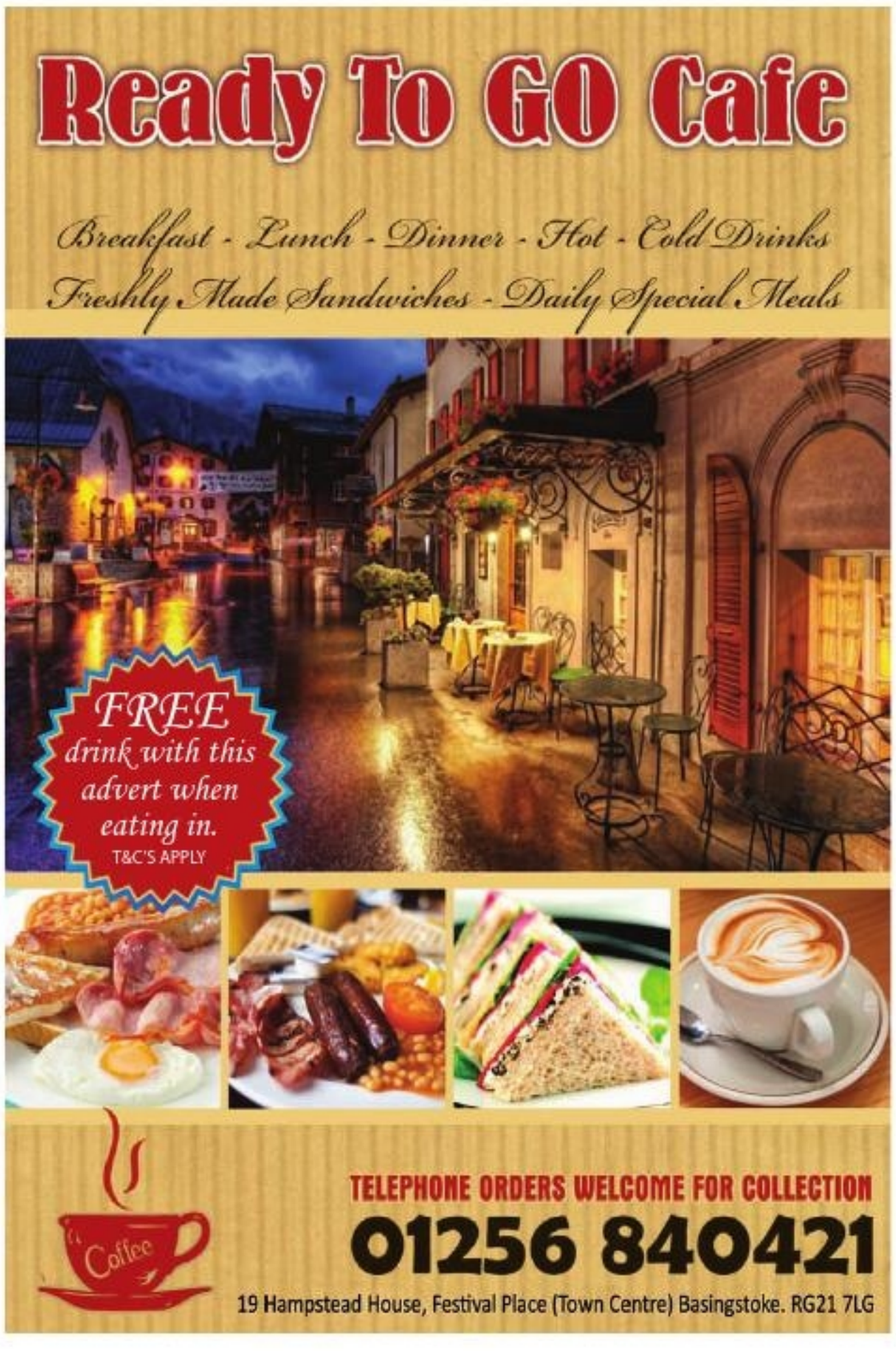
22 December 2014, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
Busy Bees Basingstoke Hospital
CHRISTMAS FAYRE
"There will be lots of fun and exciting activities for your children as well a variety of stalls offering a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping!
We will have refreshments, face painting, make your own Christmas decoration, as well as a Nearly New Sale, and a variety of local homemade crafts.
Everyone is welcome to attend, all proceeds go to Great Ormond Hospital. "
01256 474 442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French manufacturers Citroën unveil the new eye-catching C4 Cactus crossover

It's no SUV or regular hatchback

CITROËN'S new C4 Cactus sports an unusual name and equally unusual design – but what is it exactly?

Despite the semi-raised ride height, beefed up plastic bumpers and wheel arches, it's not an SUV, or a regular hatchback.

REVIEW: Citroën C4 Cactus

By **Philip Shoulder**

A crossover would perhaps be a more accurate description, putting it in competition with the likes of Nissan's Juke.

The eye-catching exterior's key feature is the unique Airbump technology – black plastic moulded side panels, designed to protect the Cactus' flanks from parking dents and scratches.

A plethora of exterior personalistion options, including different door mirror colours and alloy wheel styles, are offered on all three different trim levels - Touch, Feel and Flair.

The equally stylish interior is decluttered and minimalist, with very little switchgear, aside from two LCD displays.

Stand out features are the 'Top-Box' storage compartment, and door handles inspired by leather luggage straps.

All Cactus models come as standard with a four-speaker audio system, DAB tuner and Bluetooth media streaming, as well as air-conditioning, seven-inch touchscreen and cruise control.

Once behind the wheel, most people will find the driving position to be comfortable, although the steering wheel adjusts for height but not reach.

The Cactus boasts a spacious cabin and the 358 litre boot is large and well shaped, although would benefit from a false floor to bridge the entrance lip.

The New Citroën C4 Cactus gets six different engines.

All diesel models are sub-100g/km of CO2 and are eligible for free VED, in addition to a VED-exempt petrol version – the PureTech 82 S&S ETG.

This 108bhp 1.2-litre turbo petrol picks up eagerly from low revs and enjoys being worked hard, while the 80bhp version is better suited for urban journeys.

The manual gear shift isn't the slickest in town, but the car's more comfort orientated setup results in a smooth and forgiving ride.

Refinement impresses, too.

Verdict:

Citroen's new C4 Cactus is a master of bold, clever design, functionality and weight saving efficiency.

FACTS at a glance

Citroën C4 Cactus PureTech 110 S&S Flair
Price: £17,190
Engine: 1.2-litre three-cyl turbo
Transmission: Five-speed manual, front-wheel drive
Power/torque: 108bhp/205Nm
0-62mph: 9.3 seconds
Top speed: 117mph
Economy/CO2: 60 mpg/107g/km
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• *Citroën's new C4 Cactus*

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Bison recover from Telford defeat to beat Phantoms

Miserable weekend for lower league teams

HARTLEY Wintney suffered their second defeat in succession on Saturday as they lost 3-1 away to Camberley Town.

It comes after the Row lost 4-0 to Cove in the Combined Counties Premier league last week, and means they have now failed to win in their last three matches.

Despite the loss, Wintney remain seventh in the standings with 30 points from 19 matches.

It was also a miserable weekend for Whitchurch United, as they were thrashed 4-0 at home to Moneyfields in the Wessex Premier League.

The result came after the Jam Boys were knocked out of the Wessex League Cup last Wednesday evening, losing 1-0 to Blackfield & Langley.

Saturday's loss puts Whitchurch four points behind Moneyfields, the league leaders, in the table, having scored 40 points from their 20 matches so far this season.

And Tadley Calleva also succumbed to a battering in the league below Whitchurch, as they lost 4-0 to a competitive Team Solent side.

It means that Solent have leapfrogged Calleva to top spot in the Wessex First Division after 11 games, and is only Calleva's second league defeat this season.

All three teams will be hoping for better luck in their next matches, as Wintney host Raynes Park Vale on Saturday, while Whitchurch are at home to Fleet Town and Calleva travel to Sholing this evening.

Whitchurch also travel to Fawley on Saturday, while Calleva will make the journey to Hythe & Dibden for their weekend fixture.

· Doug Sheppard scored in Bison's loss against Telford (picture by Grant King (5holephotography.co.uk))

BASINGSTOKE Bison missed out against league leaders Telford Tigers on Saturday, before rallying to take a 5-2 victory over Peterborough Phantoms on Sunday.

By **Adam Flinn**
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Saturday's match saw Bison lose 4-2 to the Tigers in a thrilling encounter at the Basingstoke Arena.

Both sides had several chances in the first period, although ultimately the match remained goalless after the opening 20 minutes.

Jason Silverthorn opened the scoring for the visitors in the second period, before Joe Rand levelled the proceedings with his effort shortly afterwards.

Tigers then restored their advantage through Peter Szabo, but Bison were once again able to get back on equal terms as player/coach Doug Sheppard scored less than a minute later.

The score remained tied at the end of the second period to make for a tense ending to the match.

But the Tigers pushed forward and former Bison player Joe Miller grabbed the match-winning goal, with Silverthorn tapping into an empty net in the dying moments to complete their victory.

Bison returned to action the following day, this time away at Peterborough.

Again the first period was goalless, with Bison taking until the 24th minute to score their opener through Ciaran Long.

Less than 20 seconds later the Phantoms had equalised with Edgars Bebris scoring, before Long restored Bison's advantage.

Aaron Connolly added a third with a powerplay effort to give Bison a two-goal lead, until Darius Pliskaukas pulled one back to reduce the deficit.

But Andy Melachrino's double either side of the second intermission ensured that Bison left Peterborough with the two points.

The results put Bison third in the English Ice Hockey Premier League table with 25 points, behind their weekend opponents Tigers and Phantoms - the former having an 11-point lead.

And the Phantoms visit Basingstoke for the reverse fixture on Saturday, before Bison host Invicta Dynamos for a cup game on Sunday.

Sport Bites

Danson injury

HOCKEY: Odiham hockey ace Alex Danson was taken to hospital on Saturday with concussion after a heavy collision in England's match against Australia at the Champions Trophy in Argentina.

Danson clashed with Australian player Anna Flanagan in the early stages of the match, which England went on to win 2-1.

She sat out England's 1-1 draw with Germany on Sunday as a result.

Narrow defeat

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town Ladies lost out on penalties in the Hampshire FA Women's Cup on Sunday.

Their match with Andover New Street Ladies finished 2-2 after normal time, before Basingstoke narrowly lost out 5-4 on penalties.

Basingstoke return to Southern Region Women's Football League action on Sunday with the short trip to face Newbury Ladies.

Ladies lose

ICE HOCKEY: It was another loss for Basingstoke Bison Ladies on Sunday, as they were defeated 6-2 at home to Chelmsford Cobras.

It has been a tough start to the season for Bison, who have lost two of their three games so far and sit second bottom in the Women's National South Division 1 table.

They now have a few weeks off ahead of their next game against Oxford City Midnight Stars on December 20.

Back in action

RUGBY: Basingstoke RFC return to action on Saturday after not playing this weekend.

They will be hoping to continue the form that saw them narrowly beat Twickenham 29-28 on November 22.

Saturday's match sees 'Stoke travel to Sutton & Epsom in the London 1 South.

Ex-Hampshire batsman Hughes passes away

FORMER Hampshire cricketer Phil Hughes has died after being struck on the top of the neck by a ball in a match in Australia.

The 25-year-old Australian Test batsman passed away in hospital on November 27 after undergoing surgery.

Hughes, who played for Hampshire in 2010, made his test debut against South Africa in 2009 and was a part of the Australian team that beat England in the 2013 Ashes series.

The batsman was hit by a delivery from bowler Sean Abbott while playing for South Australia on November 25; he had scored 63 runs.

Alistair Nicholson, CEO of the Australian Cricketers' Association, said it was with "deep sadness and devastation" that he learnt of Hughes' death.

He continued: "I join current and former players, staff and the executive of the Australian Cricketers' Association in mourning this terrible loss and extending our deepest and heartfelt condolences to Phillip's family and friends."

His former teammates and fellow cricketers took to social media to express their condolences for the young Australian.

Ex-Hampshire cricketer Kevin Pietersen tweeted: "NO NO NO NO NO! RIP, Hughsey."

Australian cricket icon and former Hampshire bowler Shane Warne posted: "Just an absolute tragedy that Hughesy is no longer with us. He was such an awesome young man, RIP buddy, shattered..."

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FLOOD FIRES TOWN INTO FA TROPHY FIRST ROUND

· Chris Flood celebrates with Shaun McAuley (left) and Nathan Smart after scoring against Whitehawk (picture by Les Chase)

CHRIS Flood scored the only goal of the game as Basingstoke Town booked their place in the first round of the FA Trophy last Saturday with a 1-0 win over nine-man Whitehawk.

Town advanced from the third qualifying round against their Vanarama Conference South rivals thanks to Flood's 39th minute goal.

Jason Bristow's side will now face fellow Conference South side Gosport Borough in the first round on December 13.

By **Jack Johnson**
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Basingstoke have earned £7,250 after winning through two qualifying rounds of the competition so far.

And they now turn their attentions back to the Vanarama Conference South this weekend when they welcome Sutton United to the Soccer AM Stadium.

Last weekend's victory ended a five-match winless run in all competitions and Town also recorded their first clean sheet in seven games.

Basingstoke started the better against Whitehawk and Manny Williams had the first chance of the game on 15 minutes but his effort was comfortably wide of Craig Ross' goal.

Whitehawk edged themselves into what turned out to be a scrappy game but it was Basingstoke who took the lead on 39 minutes.

Tom Cadmore failed to deal with Shaun McAuley's cross and Chris Flood volleyed home from six yards.

The goal sprung the visitors into life and Jake Robinson slammed the ball against the post on 40 minutes with Town's keeper Stuart Moore beaten.

However, Whitehawk began to lose their heads after the break and Gerardo Bruna was shown a second yellow for kicking the ball away, moments after bringing down Tom Bird.

Town had a chance to all but put the game beyond the visitors on 65 minutes but McAuley fired wide after a through ball from Louis Soares.

Whitehawk's ill discipline continued as Paul John Kissock was given his marching orders after a miss-timed tackle on James Harper, but they still pushed for a replay.

Sam Deering cut in from the left wing and fired a shot past Moore and onto the post, leaving Basingstoke to grind out a hard-fought win against nine men.

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and have less chance of large bills for potential future problems with your heating system and appliance breakdowns. If you were to purchase an ordinary softener you would have quite a large machine, which requires you to set clocks and lug around a 25kg bag of salt.
The TwinTec S3 is different. It is small, requires no electricity and uses block salt (like two house bricks) instead of heavy bags.
Harvey Softeners has been manufacturing softeners in this area for more than 30 years.
Kevin Goody (UK Water Softeners) is one of Harveys top TwinTec dealers and was voted number two in the country last year.

Why is Kevin so successful?

He puts it down to extensive marketing, having a great plumber with over 30 years of experience installing water softeners, good customer satisfaction and recommendations.
Kevin has installed 4100 water softeners in homes in this area over the last eighteen years and arranges everything from initial survey to installation.

Get in touch

If you have an old water softener trade it in for something smaller and more efficient by calling Kevin Goody on: 01276 27924 without obligation. Email: kevingoody@uk-water-softeners.co.uk
or visit our websites:
www.uk-water-softeners.co.uk
and **www.watersoftenersuk.com**
Kevin Goody also welcomes trade enquiries.

Top dealer award

Kevin Goody (UK Water Softeners) was voted the number 2 TwinTec dealer in the country at an awards event in Cyprus this month.
This is the fourth year in a row that he has achieved this accolade and over the last 19 years he has never dropped out of the the top three dealers.
Kevin has more than 4,500 water softener customers locally spanning over the last 19 years,
Kevin is seen obtaining his award from Harvey Bowden owner of Harvey Softeners Ltd and TwinTec dealer/manager Sarah Goody (Kevin's daughter).
Kevin's son Andrew is also a TwinTec service engineer.
New customers come from recommendations from existing customers, newspaper adverts, the internet and leaflets. He has 14 Google reviews and 46 independent testimonials on his website.
Kevin also employs James who delivers 20 tons of block salt per month to his customers. He also employs a plumber Rob who installed more than 6,500 water softeners over the last 25 years and used to work for the manufacturers.
If you would like to have soft water in your home either look at the website www.uk-water-softeners.co.uk or ring Kevin Goody direct on 01276 27924

Kevin recieving the award with his daughter Sarah from Harvey Bowden of Harvey Softeners Ltd.

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